

Pathways Committee
May 18, 2011
Minutes

Members present: Jim Eisenhower, George Vanderheiden, John Adams, Mal Blodget, Barbara Laverick, Jim Nupp, Kathy Barnard

Jim Eisenhower called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

The minutes from March 16, 2011 and April 20, 2011 were reviewed and accepted.

Jim Eisenhower reported that he and George Vanderheiden had met with representatives of the Blake Folsom Trust. The trustees have donated \$30,000 to the Pathways project. Pathways now has adequate funding for the entire project. \$326,748 has been raised to date. The total cost of the project is approximately \$290,000. There was an added cost to cover the cost of the culverts at Sewall Woods (\$20,600) and an unanticipated additional cost of \$7,465 at Abenaki. Pathways has \$20,000 in the operating fund and there is a need for between \$50,000 to \$75,000 in this fund. Pathways has spent \$15,542 to cover other expenses such as permit fees (approximately \$9,000), WEDCO, the website, design and fund raising. Once Sewall Woods is walkable Jim will have some potential donors visit the site.

Jim further reported that the work at Abenaki is finished. There was a washout during one of the recent storms and that now needs to be repaired. The sides of the trails were blended very well with the existing vegetation. The stone dust compacted very well. The work at Sewall Woods is underway and will be completed in 10 weeks (around the end of July). Steve and Cal Flagg talked to the neighbors to tell them about the work that is to be done at Sewall Woods.

Barbara Laverick and Kathy Barnard reported that 2011 Bike and Walk Day was a success. There was good cooperation from the Police. More than 80% of the students at Crescent Lake participated and about 75% of the students at Carpenter School. The two refreshment stands were a big hit with everyone.

Jim Eisenhower and George Vanderheiden reported that they had attended a Lakes Region Conservation Trust meeting on May 18th to update the members. Their report was well received.

George Vanderheiden reported that the Forest Road repaving project will begin in mid June. Sharrows symbols will be added to indicate the bike lanes. The sides of the road will be hard packed gravel for walkers. Bay Street and Waumbeck Road will also be repaved and sharrows added. Sharrows will be added to Libby Street.

Jim Nupp reported that the website was down, but is now in full operation. Pictures will be added of Bike and Walk Day, the trail construction projects and other items of interest.

Jim Eisenhower reported that there will be an article in the Granite State News on May 19, 2011 regarding the Pathways project. This article should also be on the website.

Jim and George reported that they met with Public Works Director Dave Ford regarding the Pathway at Abenaki. Dave will construct a pathway for bikes around the gate on Filter Bed Road. In the future another gate further up the road will have a path round the gate for access when the gate is closed. Filter Bed Road has been rolled and graded and will be graded again in mid June. Calcium Chloride will be placed on the roadway which will harden the road surface. The entrance gate off of 109A to Abenaki will be moved further onto the Abenaki site so bikers and walkers can have access to parking. A pathway around the gate will be constructed for bike riders and walkers. Signage was then discussed. The signs will be 4" by 12" - white background and green letters and borders. These signs will be placed on existing street sign posts to direct trail users to and from Abenaki and Sewall Woods. In addition the following signs will be needed: no motorized vehicles (2 or 3 at Abenaki and 1 at Sewall Woods), Angle parking signs at Sewall Woods, Pathways Rules (2 at Abenaki and 1 at Sewall

Woods), signs stating dogs must be leashed

A trail map is also needed. George will talk to Gene Solod about constructing a kiosk for the map at Sewall Woods. The map needs to include distances.

There will also be a sign stating as follows: This enhanced trail is made possible by - - - --(names of groups such as LRCT and Pathways)

There was discussion about a fund raising event to be held this summer to make people in the community aware of the trails. This could be a walk, bike, jog event and prizes could be given to people finishing the use of the trail system at specific times. Barbara Laverick will talk to Ethan Hipple about sponsoring such an event.

Jim mentioned that we should meet with the Selectmen to update the Board on our recent activities. Jim will talk to Dave Owen about getting on a future BOS agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard

May 19, 2011