

October 6, 2021

Pathway Committee Meeting Minutes

Location:

Town Hall Room 112 and Remote

Attendance:

Kevin Cafferty, Chair	Present. In person
Brendan Sullivan, Member	Present. In person
James Kelliher, Member	Present. In person
Patrick Palzkill, Member	Present. Remote. Joined at 7:21 pm
William Lazzaro	Absent
Heather Hanley, Alt.	Absent
Pamela Brake, Alt.	Absent
Christopher Madden	Absent
Ray Bjorlin, Member	Present. Remote
William Saunders, Cons. Agent	Present. In person
Ilana Quirk, Dir. Planning	Present. Remote
Eliza Hoffman	Present. Remote. Left 7:44 pm
Rich Claytor, PE, HW	Present. Remote Left 7:44 pm

- I. Call to Order. Meeting Opened and Agenda accepted 3-0 at 7:06 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes. Not discussed.
- III. Bills. Not discussed.
- IV. Citizen Commentary. None.
- V. Business

- Whiting Fields, Trails and Access Lot

7:44 pm – 8:03 pm

End of Masthead Drive and abutting Route 3, near the North River

KC:	Considering asking CPC for \$85K for design of boat ramp and parking for 20 cars, allow small boats and kayaks to be launched
WS:	Recommends a trail to all for proper access
KC:	Time considerations are important. Maybe require a town sticker. Trail is a good idea. Boat launch would need chapter 90 license.
WS:	Cons. Com likely would favor, have to ask.
KC:	IMQ to assist with application to CPC. Put on PB agenda for 10/13
WS:	Access to River would be great.
BS:	There is precedent for this.
WS:	CC has some grant funds for ADA paths and would need some CPC funds
BS:	Ask CPC for \$75K for Masthead trail and agree to work with CC
WS:	Look into a crossing and a trail.
WS:	October 15 th at noon. Deadline for CPC Application

Vote: BS moved to have the PC apply to the CPC for \$85K for Masthead are to obtain engineering, design and permitting services to create a recreational area and access to the North River.
Seconded by KC. Voted 3-0.

- Wompatuck State Park, Entrance and Access Lot.

7:07pm – 7:44 pm

Contract change because its so wet. Dewater.

Contract proposed is very expensive.

\$4500 only to lay down fabric rolls for the wetland crossing, not twice that amount

Will Saunders. Agent and CC members went to the site to explore solutions.

Option 1. Dewatering plan to build the pathway in sections to allow machine to cross.

New change order - \$57,000 change order. CC voted not to pursue.

CC: Do some pumping to reduce number of cells to be dewatered, from 5 to 2,
One on each end.

Option 2. Redesign.

Discussion KC: Just pump the whole thing and sandbag?

EH: Probably would not work with sandbags as it's a foot and half deep and its 600 feet of boardwalk.

KC: Not happy with the \$57,000. Could do time and materials. Can't just eliminate the contract.

WS: Thought boardwalk would cap the grading on both sides.

KC: Must be handicap accessible right up to WSP.

Rich: Get the best price and do the project. Keep the price down.
Need a reasonable price for the dewatering.

KC: How to cross the wetlands

RC: Within the limit of disturbance, a reasonable assumption.

WS: Block off area and pump water out so it is dry enough to keep the water out to the greatest degree possible, so you can work.

KC: Do it in a way that does not harm the wetlands.

WS: Different bids, some were lower. \$6,000 for HW. Cons. Com. voted not to pay this.

KC: HW \$6,000 is reasonable. There were delays that were not HW's doing.

WS: There should be a joint meeting ASAP on this point.

KC: Offer \$50K lump sum offer or time and materials, with HW there each day for oversight of the time and materials.

RC: That makes sense. Full time inspector would be very challenging, so a lump sum would be better.

KC: If time and materials, get someone else to do the supervision. Get a retired engineer for 4 hours a day.

RC: Use a thicker product with a different cost, might have to factor that in. I think that the price is approaching a fair number.

KC: A lump sum would be best. The schedule probably would be ok, contractor is ready to go.

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WS October 19th is next CC meeting, might need a quick meeting before that.
KC Get a change order as recommended by HW, but CC must be consulted.
PP: Agrees with that.
JK: Get CC approval.
WS Will work to get a meeting
RC: The contractor is ready to go, but approve the GEO Grid change order, so that they can keep moving forward.
KC: Will consider that.
WS: CC approved the parking lot

Votes:

KC Moved to approve the change order number two not to exceed \$12,000 for the parking lot. Seconded by BS.
Voted favorably 3-0-1 (PP abstained)

KC Moved to approve an amount of not to exceed \$60,000 for Change Order 1 for dewatering, pending CC approval.
Voted favorably 4-0.

KC Moved to approve change order/contract modification for HW for additional services in the amount of \$6,000, pending CC approval.
Seconded by BS.
Voted favorably 4-0

- Pedestrian & Bicycle Pathway, Phase III	Not discussed
- Gaffield Park – Potential Parking/Pathway Connection	Not discussed

VI.	MISC	Not discussed.
VII.	Town Planner's Report	Not discussed.
VIII.	Adjournment 8:03 pm Voted 3-0.	

Next Meeting: October 20, 2021 7 pm Room 112/Zoom

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