

June 15, 2022

Pathway Committee Meeting Minutes

Location:

Town Hall Room 112 and Remote via Zoom

Attendance:

Kevin Cafferty, Chair	Absent
Brendan Sullivan, Member	Present via Zoom
James Kelliher, Member	Present via Zoom
Patrick Palzkill, Member	Present via Zoom
Bill Lazzaro, Rec Rep.	Absent
Heather Hanley, Alt.	Present In Person
Pamela Brake, Alt.	Absent
Doug Luoma, Conn Comm Rep., Member	Present In Person
Ilana Quirk, Dir. Of Planning	Present In Person
Marynel Wahl, Guest	Present In Person

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Brendan Sullivan to open the meeting and approve the agenda as submitted; and the motion was duly seconded and unanimously voted 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Brendan Sullivan to accept the minutes May 18, 2022 as written; and the motion was duly seconded and unanimously voted 5-0.

BILLS

Motion by Brendan Sullivan to approve the 3 invoices as described and as printed on the agenda; and the motion was duly seconded and unanimously voted 5-0.

Jam Corp. -Parking Access/ Wompatuck Parking Lot	\$22,683.73
Horsley Witten -Parking Access/ Wompatuck Parking Lot	\$ 1,067.16
Pathway Maintenance Acct. / Highway Dept. Payroll	\$ 473.60

Motion by Brendan Sullivan to allow Ilana Quirk, Interim Director of Planning, to sign the vouchers for the Pathway Department was duly seconded and unanimously voted 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTARY

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Wompatuck Park Discussion:

Ilana Quirk shared that the Conservation Commission discussed the memorial bench for Keith Hague at their June 7th meeting and approved of either a new bench, donation of a tree, or dedication of the existing bench. Patrick Palzkill will follow up with the family to see their wish. On another note: Ilana

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Quirk will investigate a “bench policy” as the members are recalling discussing adopting a policy in the past.

Landscaping and Fencing concerns:

Ilana Quirk shared after a recent site visit on June 8th Will Saunders, Conservation Agent, had concerns about the new plantings and watering. Also fencing and possibly a few large bolder rocks or a combination of the two were discussed to keep cars out of the stormwater areas. Glenn Fergusson, Highway Supervisor, quoted 8-10K to construct a 350-400ft. cedar post and rail style fence. The Conservation Committee will also receive a vender quote too to compare.

Gate Issue: Funding.

The abutters are concerned about the winter months and safety as well as having some landscape concerns. The plan for plantings looks substantial but now that it has been planted it looks sparse. The trees need a few years to mature. The lot will not be plowed in the winter. The idea of a gate and signage were discussed. The CPC Article 6 FY21 (15-194-8108-6785) has approximately 80K left for additional plantings, fencing/ boulders, but the idea of the gate was not favorable by the Pathway Committee. The members feel the lot should be open year round.

Ilana Quirk share the 200K Grant to complete the sidewalk to downtown was awarded from the State.

Masthead Drive, North River Access:

The Pathways Committee discussed the potential Masthead Project this evening and the Committee does wish to try to go forward with a very limited project (not extending to Stetson Meadow). So, just a limited access way and small parking area and a canoe/kayak launch. The Conservation Commission Chair, Marynel Wahl attended the meeting and agreed to conduct a site visit at Constitution Park in Scituate sometime soon. Also, Marynel Wahl is Chair of the Open Space and Recreation Committee. Brendan Sullivan also spoke about the 10-15 parking spaces on Union Street in Marshfield on the river. Brendan described it as a very small lot with a lazy path to access the river for canoes and kayaks and suggested this location as another visual for what Masthead could possibly look like. Brendan described the River as Norwell’s best asset and Bridge Street, and Chittenden Lane are currently the only public points for access. Marynel Wahl shared there is small dock at the end of Masthead currently that the Select Board has asked to be removed for hazard/risk.

MISCELLANEOUS

Membership- Ilana Quirk talked about the possibility of merging the Pathway Committee and the Complete Streets Committee by amending Section 4 at the next Town Meeting. The Pathway Committee members were in favor of consolidating the committees. Also, the members were each asked their desire to stay with the Committee until the merge. All members present agreed.

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Next Meeting

July 20, 2022, 6 pm Room 112/Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Brendan Sullivan to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Duly seconded and unanimously voted.

