

Norwell Pathways Committee Meeting Notes
12 Dec 08 - DRAFT OF 09 Jan 09

Present: K. Cafferty, B. Jackson, C. Josti, D. Osborne, S. Raeside, A. Staples, S. Turner, R. Twigg, D. Vose, T. Thomas, Town Planner, and S.Ivas.

1. **Agenda** moved as approved by DO, seconded by AS, voted at 7:04 PM.
2. **Cuffey Lane presentation** from Kevin Biggins, Civil Design Solutions, 45 Washington St, Ste 9, 781.681.9339, who noted that there is an estate being settled at 123 Mt. Blue Street, Lot 9-26, of about 25 acres. The site has a utility line to the north. He has met with CPC, and they are interested in access from Mt. Blue St., up Cuffey's Lane, which can be observed on site, and was a historically-used way (although this description is not meant to imply any legal description). Mr. Biggins represents the Forslunds and the Estate.

ST asked for permission to view the site.

We discussed access from Captain Vinal Way. It appears that the subject site does not extend to the Way, and that there is one property between the cul-de-sac at the end of the Way and this site.

Mr. Biggins was requested to return to our January meeting with additional details, and what portion of the property would be discussed with the CPC. [This appears to be the area to the westerly of the old Cuffey Lane way, which is adjacent to the wetlands complex on the easterly side of Black Pond Bog.]

3. **GIS Acquisition Request from Conservation Agent to CPC.**

- A. Agent is looking for a vote of support from Pathways Committee. Software that will allow analysis functions, instead of "dumb terminal" functions that are available now. Cost is \$15K for software, which is the same we are paying per year for the dumb terminal functions.
- B. After discussion, ST moved that the Committee write a letter to the CPC to support the acquisition of GIS software. SI seconded, at 7:36 PM.

Discussion on motion included question from RT regarding what data look like, and notes that other towns have other departments that have integrated systems. This is an enhanced GIS capacity, and will make our tasks easier. Would assist Planning Board in land use planning activities.

Voted, and passed by majority vote.

4. **96 Bikeway Update.**

- A. **Flynn property** - not heard back from owners, multiple calls to same. Letter not yet sent. AS and DV to visit site and use 1996 Report to introduce concept of access easement.
- B. **Mullen Property** - Selectmen still negotiating with owner.
- C. **Water Dept. Update** - letter from Water Dept regarding access over Washington Well Field in hand.
- D. **School Property** - School Committee Meeting - presented letter, E. Reardon made motion for permission to access pending survey and plans, Committee voted approval of same. Have land access to survey, plan for final review, unanimous approval.

5. **Rt 53 Light.**

- A. Application - permission to do with sight distance with landing opposite Washington St well Field. Issue is speed/length of view. RT to assist in establishing sight line distances.
- B. Locate MHD do crosswalk. If through process, plan path, then let State come in and landing separation needed.
- C. Planning Board engineer - crosswalk study about \$1,500.
Motion - To evaluate on our own, and provide an evaluation to Committee.
- D. The Fours Restaurant - appears that this may be forthcoming owner and/or occupant of former Friday's site.

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- E. Discussed Demand, and MHD placing pedestrian light.
RT noted Footprint Roads Pilot Program. This has been updated to Community Roads (TT).
- 6. **Jacobs Pond Area.**
 - A. DO reported that **Science Center to Prentiss Bridge trail has some obstacles.** Included is Historic New England (HNE) issues around and along Jacobs Lane and Farmhouse. RT noted glacial boulders along one section of trail along Jacobs Pond.
 - B. **Consensus to walk this section after the next Pathways meeting.** HNE land owned by Town, conservation easement runs with land, ConCom administers what goes on there. Need to describe what we want to do, then deal with HNE - must go through process, with known goals. Deed says Jacobs lane use for common space on east side. Should start with Conservation Commission.
 - C. DV suggested that HNE also has some management control of land to south of Main Street to School property, include this in planning. Discussed breaching of stone wall.
 - D. RT noted need plan of how we are going to get there, HNE has 25 different points on restrictions, including maintaining walls, etc.
- 7. **Standard Language, RFP.** KC said that he would provide RFP for next meeting, standard language.
- 8. **A W Perry Property.** DV emailed AW Perry, no response.
- 9. **Grants consultant priorities.** Place this on agenda for first meeting in January.

Next Meeting 12 Jan 09, 7:00 PM RM 112, Norwell Town Hall.

