

Pathway Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday October 3, 2018
TIME SCHEDULED: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Planning Dept. Office, Town Offices, Room 112
MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Cafferty, Chair (At-Large)
 James Kelliher, Member (At-Large)
 Brendan Sullivan, Member (At-Large)
 Pamela Brake, Member (Alternate)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Patrick Palzkill, Vice-Chair (At-Large)
 Christopher Madden, Clerk (Recreation Commission)
 Robert Woodill, Member (Conservation Commission)
 Vacant, Member (Planning Board)

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TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kenneth Kirkland (Town Planner)

Agenda

Chair Cafferty moved to start the meeting at 6:05. The motion was approved 4-0.

April 4, 2018 & September 5, 2018 PC Meeting Minutes

Chair Cafferty moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 and September 5, 2018 Pathway Committee Meetings. The motion was approved 5-0.

Bills

Discussion

1. **North and South River Watershed Association – Potential Pathway adjacent to South Street:** Samantha Woods, Executive Director of the North and South River Watershed Association presented a conceptual two-mile Pathway that would connect the South Shore Natural Science Center to the YMCA, via South Street and along the Third Herring Brook. It would also have a link to the Hanover Mall redevelopment. Executive Director Woods stated that much of the land is owned by the Town, National Grid, or the YMCA and easements would have to be sought to cross these sites. Selectmen Alison Demong joined the conversation, stating that the Hanover Selectmen are aware of the interest to create this Pathway and feels that the connections would be valuable for both communities. Selectmen Demong, Executive Director Woods, and the Committee discussed minor points where the Pathway would be better located, and Chair Cafferty stated that the first step would be to establish a cost estimate for wetland delineation and engineering, which he estimated would be around \$15,000.00.

Chair Cafferty made a motion to show support for the potential South Shore Natural Science Center-YMCA Pathway. The motion was approved 4-0.

2. **Wompatuck Entrance & Parking Lot – Overall Progress:** Conservation Agent Hemingway and Commissioners Mott, McMackin, Wahl, and Markham were present to discuss the earthen berm option for the Wompatuck Entrance design. Conservation Agent Hemingway asked about National Grid approval to work in their easement. Chair Cafferty indicated that National Grid's concern was proposed work that would conflict with utilization of their easement. He indicated that sending a copy of the Plan, with a letter via certified mail indicating response is needed within thirty days for commentary and lack of response indicates a lack of opposition is a common practice. The Committee stated that the earthen berm option actually reduces conflict with easement utilization and makes utilization easier as sensitive wetlands are replicated in a more-suitable location.

The Committee felt that the earthen berm design was optimal as it creates EMS access to Wompatuck, stabilized maintenance access for National Grid, and was an effective alternative to boardwalks (for cost) and coupled with replication in other areas, the earthen berm option was best suited for the site. The Commission agreed, and asked that culvert design be done for streamflow, and with a recessed box culvert with a gravel base. Conservation Agent Hemingway and the Committee asked the Commission to make a formal recommendation, and it was voted by the Commission to approve the earthen berm design with the minor design modifications.

Chair Cafferty made a motion to have Town Planner Kirkland request design completion with Horsley Witten taking into account the Commission's design modifications. The motion was approved 4-0.

3. **Pedestrian & Bicycle Pathway Phase III – Overall Progress Update**

Emily Rowe, Central Street was present and inquired to the status of Phase III. Chair Cafferty and Town Planner Kirkland indicated that Highway Surveyor Ferguson had begun delineating work areas for Phase III. Town Planner Kirkland stated understanding that there are multiple simultaneous projects and that Highway Surveyor Ferguson is working as fast as available resources allow. Phase III progress was additionally hampered by the status of Herring Brook Hill 40B development.

Chair Cafferty thanked Rowe for her continuous attention, and stated that there were two At-Large memberships available and highly recommended she apply due to her continued attention and independence of At-Large memberships. Town Planner Kirkland provided Emily with the application form and stated she could apply through the Planning Board at their next meeting.

4. **Resignation of Jamie-Crystal Lowry, Planning Board Liaison:** The Committee was made aware that Planning Board representative Jamie-Crystal Lowry has resigned due to scheduling conflicts. Town Planner Kirkland stated that the Planning Board will take up an appointment replacement at their next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Chair Cafferty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10. The motion was approved 4-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 17, 2018

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Pathway Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on 12/5/18, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____



Committee Clerk

Date: _____

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