

Pathway Committee Meeting Minutes

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MEETING DATE: Wednesday September 18, 2019
TIME SCHEDULED: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Planning Dept. Office, Town Offices, Room 112
MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Cafferty, Chair (At-Large)
Patrick Palzkill, Vice-Chair (At-Large)
Brendan Sullivan, Member (Planning Board)
James Kelliher, Member (At-Large)
Ellen Markham, Member (Conservation Commission)
William Lazzaro, Member (At-Large)
Heather Hanley, Member (Alternate)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Christopher Madden, Clerk (Recreation Commission)
Pamela Brake, Member (Alternate)

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kenneth Kirkland, (Town Planner)

Agenda

Chair Cafferty moved to start the meeting at 7:02pm. The motion was approved 6-0.

Bills

HorsleyWhitten Wompatuck Access Lot \$875.00

Chair Cafferty moved to approve the invoice as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Commentary

Two area residents briefly inquired as to Pathway snowplowing and deicing in the winter. Chair Cafferty indicated that the Pathway is generally not plowed in the winter, as the boardwalks are designed only to accommodate EMS emergency access and not heavy maintenance equipment. He also expressed there were previously maintenance funds available to repair damaged sections of the boardwalk, but was recently absorbed into the Highway Department budget. The residents thanked the Committee for their stewardship of the Pathway and left the meeting.

Discussion

1. **Carleton Property Committee – Pathway/CPC Application Ideas:** Member Sullivan stated that CPC Applications were due on October 15 and as the liaison, stated that the Carleton Property Committee was looking to ask the Pathway Committee for ideas / concepts for the Fields. The Committee agreed proposal themes were to connect existing trails in the surrounding area with new trails located in the Property. There was a brief discussion on

utilization of the existing cow path in the middle of the Fields as part of any proposal. Chair Cafferty was unsure if there were historical implications of revealing the cow path from the brush and overgrowth, but it was stated the Historical Commission has no issues or concerns with daylighting the path.

Chair Cafferty expressed willingness to submit a CPC Application in the amount of \$75,000.00 for trail design and engineering funds for the Fields. Town Planner Kirkland indicated the funding should include the cost of the Notice of Intent (NOI) filing with the Conservation Commission, to which the Committee agreed was an ideal process.

Motion by Chair Cafferty, and seconded by Vice-Chair Palzkill to have Town Planner Kirkland draft and submit a CPC Application in the amount of \$75,000.00 for trail design and engineering funds for the Fields. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Wompatuck Entrance & Parking Lot – Alternative Berm Layout / Design Discussion:

Town Planner Kirkland expressed frustration that National Grid has not responded, and the individual in charge has apparently left the office on long-term medical leave. Chair Cafferty suggested a letter be sent to National Grid with a request for response within 30 days and that the project would move forward if no response is received. It has been stated National Grid is notorious for project non-responsiveness.

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

Town Planner Kirkland stated that Highway Surveyor Ferguson was all set to move forward in the Spring. Chair Cafferty confirmed Phase III is a “wishbone” or Y-shape from the River Street boardwalk terminus, one up River towards Town Center, and the other from Dover to Norris Reservation.

4. Gaffield Park – Potential Parking / Pathway Connection – Overall Progress Update:

Chair Cafferty stated that funding for ADA/AAB complaint remediation from the parking lot to the Pathway could come from the Pathway Phase III account if there is leftover from Phase III work upon completion. Member Kelliher will keep the Committee aware of AAB communication regarding this matter.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Chair Cafferty moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. The motion was approved 7-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 2, 2019

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Pathway Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on 1/15/20, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

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