

Pathways Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 30, 2008

Members Attending: Ginny Lovett (chair) Carol Gerken, Dave Sias, Liz Lapham, Pam Coburn

Staff Present: Angela LaBrecque

Meeting commenced at 3:30 P M

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted

There was no set agenda, other than issues pending from the previous meeting.

Items of discussion:

1. Dave reported that he had not been to the Laconia WOW Trail meeting. Abutter complaints about anticipated problems are a trouble currently. Trail development and increased traffic often bring significant improvement, but people don't believe this beforehand.

2. The committee reviewed Angela's memo to the Selectmen summarizing the activity of the committee over the past year. Angela will make a few alterations and send this to Ginny for a final review prior to sending. Members of the committee will receive copies of the final draft.

3. We discussed writing 2 other letters: a request for additional maps and a request detailing signage. Priorities are Swasey Park and pathway area between Community Center/ Boynton Road and the school complex.

Carol suggested events (for Swasey Park and/or walk from Boynton Street to school complex) aimed at families to publicize pathway efforts in stages stages, using these two sites to stimulate community interest and participation.

Angela will obtain map of snowmobile trails,

Ann..... has agreed to talk to Ambrose about the property between the Community Center and the school complex.

Dave will coordinate with Vint & DPW about making 3 signs for Swasey Park,

4. Carol suggested we push to complete our initial plans for Swasey Park.

We decided we could go ahead with posting the first 3 signs when Dave has them done as the posts exist and Vint has given permission.

Nov 2 at noon, committee members will meet at Swasey Park to rough up bark on trees & renew trail markings.

5. Angela noted that the Route 3 & 25 Committee is considering pedestrian and bicycle pathways in the design plan. We discussed access to the Page Pond property and our wish for a sidewalk on Meredith Neck Road from Pleasant Street to Blueberry Hill.

6. Angela pointed out that the town plan would be rewritten for 2012 and could include pathway priorities such as this sidewalk, if we could draw up a comprehensive "wish list" in time for incorporation. In addition, it would be an advantage to identify properties where we needed easements, in case any of thee changed hands or came up for development.

7. Dave Siak volunteered to take a bike ride from Reservoir Road to Waukewan Highlands along the water line right of way and report.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 P M