

Village Pathways Committee

Meeting Minutes 1/14/10

Members present:

Liz Lapham, Pam Coburn, Carol Gerken, Ann Brienza

The meeting commences at 2:40.

Staff present: Angela LeBrecque

Old Business:

- The 12/10/09 minutes were approved with revisions.
- The revised Meredith Village Pathways map was approved. Carol suggested waiting for the "186 acre Town Forest" to be formally named before we print and distribute the map. Our estimated date for printing is March 1st.
- Angela reported that there is no easement through Meredith Bay Village. Although residents of MBV have access to the Community Park and fields, there is not a right of way into and through MBV from the park and fields to route 25. Discussion was held and we agreed that Liz will write a letter to the homeowners association giving them background on our project and map with hopes of obtaining passage through MVB.
- Carol reported on information she gathered from attending the Lakes Region Planning Commission Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. She explained grant scoring qualifications and criteria for Safe Routes to Schools. Carol said Mike Izard would be willing to attend our meeting to talk with us. Carol felt she made some contacts and gathered information. Carol reported that the grant application is a "rolling application". She also reported on the Federal Scenic Byways program. Dave Eastman, NHDOT administrator for Scenic Byways in NH felt that the Lakes Region "TAC" group would be a good starting place to update the 1992 "Loop around the Lake". Liz asked if there was funding for walking the "Loop". Carl said she would ask Mike Izard. Carol is waiting to hear back from Phil McCormick, School Superintendent regarding a letter she wrote about gathering information for Safe Routes to Schools. Carol asked if Mike Izard should be invited to a Pathways meeting. Liz suggested we wait to hear from Phil McCormick. Liz suggested a survey to gather more information.

New Business:

- Ann reported on potential bike routes. The only safe route to recommend is the Water St > Red Gate loop. It was decided to add this bike route to the Green Pathways text: "Suitable for biking". Liz suggested we list as a priority to identify for future roads and recommend upgrades for bike paths in our suggestions for the Meredith Community Plan update. Pam asked about identifying mountain biking routes in the town forests. Discussion was held on the topic.
- Liz composed a Village Pathways report on our yearly accomplishments and will email it to the committee members.
- Liz brought up a "Walk Meredith" concept. There was discussion on a possible May event in combination with the "Walk NH" program in June. Angela suggested involving Tammy Levesque in the process to coordinate school involvement. Liz will inquire about sponsorship for tee-shirts, and will call Tammy. It was decided to explore holding an event in May (5/15/10 or 5/22/10). Carol will compose a contact list; Angela will check the Town calendar (including Parks & Rec events); Pam will inquire about the Library event; Ann will check the school and hotel calendars. Carol suggested that publicity on each store that has a "sign board" would help promote the event. Angela suggested promoting it in the newspapers. The suggested name of the event is "Meredith Walks". The Meredith Village Pathways map/text would be "launched" at the May event.

Our next meeting is 2/11/10 at 2:30. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47pm. Submitted by Ann Brienza