

VILLAGE PATHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

2/28/08-Approved 3/27/08

Members Present:

Ginny Lovett
Pam Coburn
Gerry Brooks

Staff Present:

Angela LaBrecque

Ginny Lovett opened the meeting at 4:05. The minutes from 1/31/08 were approved.

As discussed in the previous meeting, Angela looked into adverse possession pertaining to the Boyton Road project. An attorney from LGC was contacted by Angela regarding adverse possession and when it is applicable. It was determined that adverse possession did not apply to this particular situation.

Gerry Brooks briefed the committee on current use. It was explained that current use is a tax benefit for property owners that designate a minimum of 10 acres of land as open space. Gerry will look into the status of certain properties with a current use designation to see if there is a public right for usage. Gerry will further research this and inform the committee on all that he learns about current use at the next meeting.

The committee recapped the assessment of Swazy Park and decided that certain recommendations should be made to the Board of Selectman for upgrades/improvements to the park. Ginny will draft a recommendation letter for the committee to consider.

Angela noted the importance of having a plan and strategy to prioritize recommendations such as Swazy Park improvements for all pathways and associated facilities. She also handed out a general Pathway Inventory Questionnaire for all future site visits, walks and assessments.

A walk from the new LALT workforce housing site on Boyton Road to the school was performed by the committee. The walk took only 7 minutes. It was determined that there would be a benefit to the community to continue using that path. An informal interview occurred with a pathway user on that particular walk.

Prior to the next meeting, Ginny will meet with Bob Reals and Phil McCormick regarding the upcoming workforce housing project and pathways.

Prior to the next meeting, Ginny and Pam will attend a WOW trail meeting.

Pam will try to email another person on the contact list for an interview.

The Conservation Commission will be contacted to come in and speak at the next meeting.

The next meeting date was scheduled for 3/27/08 at 3:30PM.

Adjourned: 5:00PM

Minutes prepared by: Angela LaBrecque, 2/29/08