

Village Pathway Committee
Meeting Minutes
3/27/08 – Approved

Members Present: Ginny Lovett, Pam Coburn, Liz Lapham, Courtney Van Etten, Mark Donohue, David Sias, Ann Brienza

Staff Present: Angela LeBrecque

Guests: Bob Le Count, representative from the Conservation Commission

Ginny Lovett opened the meeting at 3:35. The minutes from 3/28/08 were approved. Angela LeBrecque made and distributed pathway inventory.

A memo to the Town regarding Swazey Park and connections was read. Pam Coburn suggested a map be included. Ginny suggested Gerry Brooks could handle that. Angela notes that there is no budget established for some of the suggests in the memo. The “trash can” suggestion was discussed. Bob LeCount suggested an education campaign using “free” media to focus attention on Swazey Park. Liz Lapham commented that the trail is very difficult to walk and needs to be cleaned up. Bob LeCount mentioned there is a group of volunteers that built the Ames Property trail. Discussion will continue next month.

Pam and Ginny attended a WOW meeting. They reported that it is not attached to city government and the members have valuable experience applying for grants. Due to fencing requirements the price for the project has greatly increased.

Ginny presented the memo on the committee members’ walk from Circle Drive and Boynton Ave. to the schools on 3/24/08, and discussion was held. Mark Donohue will examine the “Safe walks to schools” document for information that may apply to this area.

Discussion was held on the Town forest property. Pam Coburn asked Bob LeCount who is responsible for signage to the entrance. Bob LeCount commented that the emphasis is currently on the Page Pond property. Bob noted that the Conservation Committee has recommendation power but is not authorized to grant permits. He discussed some of the “charges” of the committee. And offered help with this committee for entrance to the Feltham property. He suggested that our committee should focus in on what our goals were. Liz Lapham suggested that Dan Hyduck would be a good source of information.

Vint Choiniere from Parks and Recreation will be coming to our next meeting.

The next meeting date was scheduled for 4/24/08 at 3:30 pm.

Adjourned: 5:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Ann Brienza, 4/17/08