

Village Pathways Committee

Meeting Minutes 12/10/09

Members Present:

Liz Lapham, Ginny Lovett, Pam Coburn, Dave Sias, Carol Gerken, Ann Brienza Staff Present: Angela LeBrecque

Guests: Lin Crowley, Tammy Levesque

The meeting commenced at 2:35 .The minutes from the last meeting, 10/15/09 were approved.

Old Business:

- Liz thanked Ginny, Carol, Pam and Angela for attending the 11/16/09 Board of Selectmen meeting. We received a positive response for the committee's work. Ginny commented that Phil Warren, Town Manager was impressed by the overall volunteerism in the community. Liz presented the Pathway map and text and logo to the Board and believes they were approved.
- Discussion was held on the signage needs for the area of the playing fields and Meredith Bay Village property. Angela said she will look into it and the easement rights of the area. When resolved, Liz will add a loop to the "Purple Path" map.
- Pam suggested shading town parks and mark entrances to the forest & parks, but Angela said that the map is crowded with symbols and it could be too much.
- Discussion was held on the approved map and legends. It was agreed to shade the parks and leave the symbols and if the easement on the Meredith Bay Village is resolved, Liz will add a loop to the "Purple Path" map. Swasey Park entrance was again discussed and Ginny suggested that Angela check with Peter Russell on the entrances and right of way. Liz will submit the final map and draft to the Town Manager, and will email the added text with the Meredith Village easement. The Town will print the brochures and will be it will be included on the website.
- Carol was asked to chair a subcommittee on Safe Routes to School. She replied we need a feasibility study and Liz and Carol agreed that she would search, discuss and report back by April 1st. Carol reported that it was a five year opportunity through 2011. Towns can submit a proposal for how they would use the grant money. Carol is interested and has conversed with Steve Kelly, ILES principal, and Phil McCormick, School Superintendent. She suggested identifying a few key players and see what is already in place. Before we commit to the task, she will gather more information. Ginny said Mike Izard would be willing to visit our meeting. Ginny said she would like to be on the subcommittee. We thanked Carol for her time.

New Business:

- Tammy Levesque, from the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, a publicly funded organization, gave a presentation on HEAL (Healthy Eating Active living- privately funded grant). HEAL is concentrating on childhood obesity. Meredith has been identified as one of the "HEAL" communities. Their grant is good for three years (www.LRPPH.org and www.healnh.org) Tammy asked if this committee is connected to WOW. Angela said that it's a long way away. Carol suggested hosting a community forum to introduce different groups to each other to pool resources. Tammy requested she be added to our email list to better coordinate the efforts of all the community groups.
- Liz introduced Lin Crowley as a possible new member of our Pathways Committee.
- Liz requested input on our next area of concentration.
 - Ann suggested **biking routes**
 - Carol suggested **coordinating with Tammy** and provide the pathway brochure and promote activities with in the town
 - Dave suggested **small signs at the intersections of the pathways**, to help people follow the paths and also will help promote the path
 - Liz suggested looking at **Pleasant Street >Blueberry Hill>Paige Pond** and how to make those routes safe
 - Angela said that she and John Edgar are **updating the community plan** and read the section that discusses pedestrian/bike safety and multi purpose paths. She suggested that we dedicate our next meeting to discussion our vision, goals and objectives. Carole suggested that Angela give a 15 minute "tutorial" at our February meeting.
 - Liz asked Dave to go to the spots for signage and identify them.
 - Liz asked Ann to compile a list of some possible biking routes.

Our next meeting is 1/14/10 at 2:30. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 Submitted by Ann Brienza