

Village Pathways Committee

Meeting minutes 2/18/10

Members Present: Ann Brienza, Pam Coburn, Liz Lapham, Ginny Lovett, Dave Sias
Staff Present: Angela LeBrecque
Guests Present: Tammy Levesque, Sarah Tellier
The meeting commenced at 2:38 pm
Old Business:

. Liz welcomed Tammy who agreed to become a member of our committee. Tammy introduced Sarah who will be working with her in the Greater Meredith program for the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health. Sarah will be working with ILES to coordinate a Health Fair segment for "Meredith Walks" events.

. Liz read Lin Crowley's email stating she would not join the committee at this time; Terry Lance may.

. Dave reported on signage. He looked at a total of 30 sites for signs. Angela inquired about the purpose of the signs and Dave responded they would be a good way to promote the pathways system and help people who didn't have brochure maps. He envisions a small sign with the Pathways logo with a color/coded arrow indicating the particular path. The signs would be placed on a post or stake. Liz asked Dave to inquire at a few sign designers/manufacturers for information.

. Liz reported Meredith Bay Village reiterated their non-approval of passage through their land.

. Ann reported no conflict of dates after contacting ILES/ILHS PTO and Gail Batstone, GM of Inns and Spa at Mill Falls regarding proposed dates of 5/15 and 5/22 for Meredith Walks. Angela reported no conflict with Parks and Rec. Tammy suggested 6/5 for "Meredith Walks" to piggy back on the NH Walks program. Meredith could be a host site. Ann and Angela will recheck schedules for school, inns and Park and Rec events. Liz requested designating a sub-committee for fundraising. Discussion was held. Tammy agreed to form the committee and will discuss with Angela what needs she envisions that the Town can address.

. Carol was unable to attend today's meeting, but reported to Liz that she would be in contact with the Superintendent of Schools after March 9, regarding "Safe Routes to School".

. Liz contacted the Conservation Committee regarding the name of the 186 acre Forest. Liz was planning on attending tonight's Conservation Committee meeting when the name will be finalized. She will notify them of Pathways Committee activities.

New Business:

. Pam mentioned the need for dog refuse bags and trash cans near the Community Center and along the trails, she also suggested a future master map including all trails.

. Angela reported on the Update of the Community Plan. She is in the process of gathering information. New chapters will be on energy conservation and alternative energy, and pedestrian and bike traffic in the transportation section. She will be writing a pedestrian and bike plan which will give the ability to apply for funding and grants. She asked for help with public participation from the Pathways committee.

Some suggestions she made were surveys or perhaps a charette. Ginny asked if it would be a town-wide survey. Tammy suggested utilizing an online survey site. Angela explained her vision of the update with an outline, a text on existing conditions, identifying users, pathways and their conditions and traffic patterns, population centers, destinations and "disconnects," taking into account geographic issues (elevations and natural land features). Implementation and prioritization of ideas will be addressed. Research and review of other

communities' pedestrian plans weighing cost and benefits will be needed. Angela stated that not all routes and pathways need to be connected. When asked by Ann, Angela responded that the "WOW" trail will be addressed in the updated Master Plan and needs to be planned for. Also laws pertaining to bicyclists and pedestrians on side walks will be researched. Angela gave examples of Visions, Goals and Objectives which would be addressed and articulated in the updated plan. Pam noted that she would be very interested in helping Angela with this project, and Ginny said she would be happy to critique Angela's writing. Liz suggested that Angela share her writing with the committee and Angela agreed that she would write the updated plan and share it with our committee.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded at 3:42 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11 @ 2:30pm at the Town Hall Annex

Submitted by Ann Brienza