

SAFEPATH MEETING

June 1, 2023

Macomber Room

Present: Mary Ann Driscoll, Nancy Borden, Jane Finn, Pat Wilson, Pam and Guy Sterns, Emilie Spaulding and Don Gough

Mary Ann Driscoll called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

The purpose of this meeting is to review the bid received by Rye Beach regarding the bridge.

Jane Finn made a motion to approve the minutes. Emilie Spaulding seconded, minutes approved.

Mary Ann announced we are \$24,000 short if we build a bridge.

We went around the room and asked each member to give their opinion of Bridge vs no bridge.

Don Gough no bridge

Pam Stern indecisive, the bridge is pretty but expensive

Guy Stern likes the design of the first 2 sections of the path, we can save money we may need later

Nancy Borden prefers meandering without the bridge

Jane Finn would like to use the extra money for landscaping

Emilie Spaulding has walked the area for years, she prefers to follow a natural path, she would be willing to fundraise for a bridge.

Paul Legere and Philip Marcus indicated to Mary Ann they did not want the bridge. We could use the money for landscaping

Pat Wilson didn't want the bridge and reminded the committee DPW is opposed to the bridge for maintenance reasons. 2023 is a perfect time to build with the Celebration of our 400th. Waiting to fund raise for a bridge would delay the project.

Mary Ann proposed no bridge. We can get the contract signed by the Select Board and get Ben started. The total cost will be \$179,102.25.

There was a suggestion of a clean up day, that will need to be coordinated with Chris. Placing benches was also discussed. We will be respectful of the neighbors where the benches are placed. Mary Ann will reach out to Ben about the stone benches.

Mary Ann gave a brief report on the meeting May 30th with the DOT. The 10 Plan Committee were blown away by our ideas. The design team wanted a copy of the plans. The reaction was very positive regarding tackling the ledge at Shaws Circle. The Committee will meet again in the fall. It is now a DOT project. The DOT will inform the neighbors if they are in the right of way. Bobby Reynold agreed to cost out Pit Lane to Cranfield.

Adjourned at 5:12

Next Committee Meeting June 15, 2023 4:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Wilson