

SAFEPATH MEETING

August 19, 2022

Attendees: Mary Ann Driscoll, Pat Wilson, Jane Finn, Philip Marcus, Philip Corbet, Nancy Borden

Guests: Nancy Vailas, Terri Golter

Mary Ann Driscoll called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Review and Approve minutes

Philip Marcus made a motion to accept the June 16th minutes. Nancy Borden seconded the motion.

TAP Grant Update

Phil Corbet from CMA presented an overall update of the engineering phase of the Tap Grant section of the Safe Path. The process is very prescribed, it vets all issues, has public input and makes sure there are no fatal flaws.

Starting at Pit Lane and the Tarlton Cemetery, by NH law you can't build within 25' of a cemetery. The archeology study confirmed there are no burials on the proposed site. They are absolutely certain and the process is done. The report will be forwarded to the Cemetery Committee for approval.

The next challenging area for the path is the first 3 properties approaching Beach Hill. It is very constrained. CMA met with the home owners last fall to discuss the two options.

Option 1. Will provide a sidewalk with 4 1/2' minimum shoulder

Option 2. Will be just a shoulder 3 1/2' feet on both sides of Wentworth road with no sidewalk along their property.

The sidewalk impacts private property and the town will need to get an easement from the 3 home owners directly across from Beach Hill. None of the home owners were on board with the easement.

Taking the land by eminent domain is not a consideration.

The next step is to work with the town to see the preferences.

Then CMA would have a public meeting and present the preferred option.

Currently there is not a crossing location.

Option 2 would require a temporary easement (construction easement)

Question: would CMA be willing to meet again with the property owners ?

Yes, we can meet with you 3 as a group if you would like.

Question: Will the ledge be removed?

The ledge will be removed from Shaw's Circle as part of both options. The home owners are willing to have the ledge removed.

Question: What is the standard cycling lane?

Standard cycling accommodation is 5', Option 2 will give 3 1/2' on both sides of the road.

Question: Will there be a handicap ramp?

Option 1 will have a handicap ramp. Option 2 will not.

CMA will finish the engineering study, get concurrence with the Cemetery Committee and then go to the DOT.

The DOT review takes 3 months, we need 2 reviews so that will be 6 months.

The plan will then be finalized. The start date might be 2023 but more likely 2024

The DOT does not show a preference, their primary concern is maintenance and how it would change snowplowing.

TAP Grant Management has been taken over by Jane Finn with a sub committee of Tom Maher and Todd Barker. Chris Roubillard remains as the TAP grant manager.

Jane Finn and Nancy Vailas will set up a neighborhood meeting as a group, previously they met with CMA individually.

Commons Phase: CMA Engineering Bid Phil Corbet

The design is \$35,000 and is similar to the other segments. The landscaping has been added which is \$15,000. Phil is committed to seeing the Safe Path completed for New Castle. A lot of details have to be worked through, the permitting is different from the other segments. Soil in right of ways need to be studied for contaminants. The environmental check list is more detailed than it use to be. Because it is a private project it would help the budget if we stayed with Rye Beach and save the cost of the \$1,100 bidding process.

The \$35,000 price is work done on an hourly basis plus \$15,000 for landscaping.

Question: Can the fence be moved before June 2023?

It is very doable, there is a sight risk involved in the case that any changes in the final plan would be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Wilson

Trust Account Update	Mary Ann
237,813 in trust account	
50,000 in DPW Budget	

Public Questions and Answers

Adjourn meeting

Next Meeting: October 14 9:30 Macomber Room

