

SAFEPATH MEETING
March 9, 2023
Macomber Room & Zoom

Zoom Attendees: Mary Ann Driscoll, Pat Wilson, Todd Barker, Tom Maher, Paul Legere, Dick Spaulding,

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Mary Ann Driscoll called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm.

1. Todd Baker made a motion to accept the February 10, 2022 Minutes. Pat Wilson seconded the motion.

2. Report on Tap: Jane Finn reported the DOT will meet next week with all parties involved.

3. Report on Commons : Mary Ann spoke to Ben Holmes concerning the Rye Beach bid. Ben agreed to look at the number of trees slated to be removed. The price on the sidewalk will be reduced by almost half when it is 5' wide as opposed to the 8' on the plans. The demolition cost reflects the removal of the plant material along with the fence. Since the fence has been removed the demolition cost will be reduced. The rain garden was left out of the bid. We want to keep the rain garden. CMA did not include a boardwalk in the plans, they spoke to Jeff Hyland and made the correction. Paul Legere, Jeff Hyland and Ben Holmes will do a site walk. Mack Construction wants the changes so they can put a bid in.

4. NHDOT Causeway: Tom and Mary Ann reported that since the Select Board Meeting last November, where the DOT presented the current study on the causeway and it was revealed that the Causeway it is not on the ten year plan. Letters have been written to encourage the State to put us on the ten-year plan.

A committee of residence discovered a federal grant and are making an application for this project. Application is due March 10th. We will not know if the Causeway is approved for these funds until February 2024. It is Federal funds and 20% State funds so it would be at no cost to the town.

5. Warrant Article:

We will not need a Warrant Article this year for the Rogers Board to the Beach Hill segment of the Safe Path. A Warrant Article for the Town meeting is put on hold until next year which will be for Pitt Lane to the Causeway.

6. Big Idea:

Bill Stewart is working with the General Services Administration negotiating a price for the Coast Guard property. The negotiation needs to be complete in order to proceed with the Warrant Article for this May.

7. Trust Account Update:

\$240,332.852 in trust account

8. Public Questions:

Terri Golter asked if the sidewalk needed to be 5' wide. Mary Ann explained the width of the sidewalk in front of The Common is consistent with the other sections. Terri also asked about the trees that are on the design and was concerned they would block the neighbors' views. Barbara Kuchety requested that no benches be placed directly across from residential homes. Barbara also asked if the fence is going back up. Todd responded by saying there are current plans to replace the fence and we have no current plans for benches.

Benches most likely will be in front of the Rec Center. It will be on the agenda next month.

Pam made a motion to adjourn. Jane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Next meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 4:30

Respectively submitted,

Pat Wilson