

SAFE PATH MEETING
September 21, 2023
Macomber Room

Attendees: Mary Ann Driscoll, Paul Legere, Philip Marcus, Don Gough, Nancy Borden, Pam Stearns, Guy Stearns, Pat Wilson

Nancy Vailis, Mary Pat Gibson, Terri golfer, Cathy Clark, Barbara Kutchty, Lisa English, Diane Llewellyn, Phil Llewellyn

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

1. Review and approve minutes. Mary Ann reported there were no minutes taken at the last meeting. There were 3 members in attendance.

2. Report on TAP

Mary Ann reported a final decision was reached on the Tap Grant portion of the SafePath. A cross walk will take the path from the old dog gate across 1B. From the crosswalk there will be an expanded shoulder, 3 ' or more wide, depending on the right of way extending past the duplexes. A sidewalk with curbing will be constructed from the end of the duplexes to Pit Lane.

There will be no changes on the east side of 1B made by the TAP Grant. Addressing the granite outcropping at Shaws Circle is part of the DOT's 10 year plan and not part of the TAP Grant. The DOT does plan to fix the problems at Shaws Circle, there will be a meeting this fall, more information to follow.

DOT's Division 6, which is the plowing division of DOT, is requiring drawings from CMA before they give final approval of the crosswalk. We are waiting on those drawings.

3. Report on Commons

The construction has begun from Rogers Road to the old dog gate. Rye Beach has added a second culvert in the wooded area at no charge. We are waiting for Division 6 to approve the drawings for the crosswalk so the final grading and paving take place.

Chief White asked that the path from the Wentworth to Wild Rose Lane have lighting added. Lighting will be added in this area as well as the new Common section in the wooded area. Both will be LED lights ground mounted and up lite on the side of the pavement. The lights will not interfere with plowing. Landscaping will follow sometime next year. Pam Stern is reaching out to David Wilson at Stratham Circle Nursery for a possible plan and Mary Ann will ask Ben Groves from Rye Beach for a plan. We are looking for a naturalized landscape with little to no maintenance. The anchor may need a new location. The committee would like to research the history of the anchor before making a recommendation to the Select Board for a new location. The old sign Commons will be reinstalled.

We have received donations from the David Borden Memorial. Once we have a design and price we can proceed with plans for more funding if necessary and installation.

4. Coast Guard Land Deal

The Coast Guard Land closed on September 19th. Chris is going to clean up the area the fall. The Select Board will be forming a committee for the use of this property.

5.. 1B Causeway

We did not get the Federal Grant for the 1B Causeway Project. .However are in the 10 year Plan from from 2025 to 2034. On October 19th there is a GCAIT hearing at the Greenland School, it is vital

members of the community are present at this meeting to be sure we keep our position in the 10 year plan. See the link below for more information.

10 Year Plan

7. Public questions:

- Will there be a public meeting when the TAP drawings are complete? Yes, when CMA finishes the drawings there will be a public meeting.
 - What is the tie frame? TAP will more than likely not happen this year.
 - Why do we have the Coast Guard Deal on the agenda? The idea of public access to the coastline is the reason SafePath discussed the acquisition of the Coast Guard property. Ultimately a path from Fort Stark to the light house is the hope.
 - Is there a plan to do more clean up? Rye Beach will clean up the access points. We may have a volunteer clean up day after we have a better idea of what needs to be done.
 - Will there be communication with the neighbors before the lighting goes up? The lighting will be ground mounted, up lite, low voltage. It will not be directed across the street.

8.Meeting adjoined at 5:17

Next meeting Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:30

Respectively submitted,
Pat Wilson