

Path by the Roads Committee, March 26, 2008  
5:13PM

Diana Manter, Bill Haynes, Richard Olsen, Rez Williams, Hermine Hull, Ruth Kirchmeier, Ebba Hierta, Neila Decker, David Whitmon(& Gracie) Cathy Brennan

Bill expressed to Ebba with regard to her presentation at the selectmen's meeting, "Anyone on a path has got to be safer than walking on the road".

Ebba said she had 10 problems with the path on old County Road. Bill reminded her that the paths were laid out by the County engineer and approved by the state.

Rez said there was confusion in Ebba's letter regarding bike paths vs walking paths.

Ebba: speeding cars tend to use grassy shoulder. Neila felt we were proposing something that won't be safe. David was concerned about it being on the west side. Rez said it could connect up with Old Holmes Hole Road. He, also said, if we reconsider and put it back on the east side, you will be taking down more trees, compromising views and aesthetics.

Bill asked David about bike path committee he served on and if people were opposed? David said he didn't know about any proposed funding plan to connect bike paths island wide. Neila asked about total path plan. Manter told her there was one and it had been presented at a public meeting regarding the old County road path. Map and all.

Ebba talked about the engineer's issue with 4' path. Bill said Steve's problem was about handicapped access, (passing wheelchairs) He never said they were unsafe.

Manter suggested we move on to other issues since this was the last meeting before town meeting. The committee voted to leave warrant as is. Bill asked who wanted to speak at town meeting. There will be 4 different warrants.

Ebba asked to join committee, Bill said we would take it under advisement. Rez and Richie felt it could be a good thing. Diana talked about each member being a real walker and questioned whether Ebba fit this mold. Rez gave a report on hydroseeding along Edgartown Road.

Meeting adj. 6:27PM