

## PATHWAYS BY THE ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING

February 6, 2008 4:30PM

Present: Diana Manter, Ruth Kirchmeier, Bill Haynes, Rez Williams, Hermine Hull, Richard Olsen

Olsen ...it will take 7 days to complete path.

Haynes...we need money to finish pathway, Police for 7 days at \$320/day(1 cop will do) = \$2240.00. Split rail fence included in White Lynch numbers. Some engineering still needed for final inspection and signing off. Diana recommended a figure of 4,000. to make sure we have enough but not too much. This also included shrub. With \$500.00 in bank that gives us \$4,500. Haynes and Olsen would rather have money left than not have enough and would ask for \$5,000. Discussion of pros and cons ensued. Manter asked where money is coming from? Haynes suggested we go to Finance Committee and if we don't get it there we have to have a warrant at town meeting. It was decided to ask for \$5,000.00.

Haynes read application for funds request. It was decided to leave it as is. Haynes then asked if we want to put a warrant article at town meeting for \$5,000. to begin next path? Manter wanted to know what money would be for. Haynes felt we have been doing this process backwards. He want to do the engineering first to help estimate the cost of a path and plan the course it would take. Rex said until we've determined precisely where our next path will be we can't ask for money. Haynes said that Ebba Hierta is researching bike path on Old County and asks that we hold off on our path until she has more info.Hull said that Sean Connoley wants us to continue with paths as planned. His committee is interested in helping us to do that. How the proposal is worded will influence the out come.

Cathy Brennan has told Hermine that she is not against our paths but that she believes a bike path would be the correct solution in the case of Old County Road. Haynes feels that a very small percentage of people prefer the bike path at Old county and that if at town meeting our path does not pass, then the people will have spoken. Manter asked if we had it to do over again....would we have chosen to continue our present path along Old County Road? A lively discussion followed. Haynes said the practical matter is, we are half way into the proposed path and should pursue it. Wording by the CPC is important so that we do not lose the original \$80,000. voted on by the town at the last town meeting.

We discussed the possible course of Mill Pond path in all its permutation, and whether we should pursue it. Rez asked if Rod Wells would be willing to sell the town an easement across his property. Haynes suggested we ask Kent Healy to attend our meeting to discuss the pond problem. He will find out if we need to pay him.We voted on the \$5,000. for start up(preliminary engineering, site review, advertising for public meetings etc.) money and it passed.

Hull...rotary club has offered to plant daffodils along the Edgartown Road path. Rez wants to stick to native plants.

Meeting adjourned 5:30