

Deer Isle Stonington
Active Communities Environment Team
8/8/2013

Attending: Jim Fisher, Kathleen Pezaris, Elizabeth Lyles, Becka Emerson, Anne Douglass

Others that should be invited

- Pat Gross (Island Community Center)
- Mike Little (Island Heritage Trust)

Existing organizations

Island Recreation Board: (www.islandrecboard.com)

- 3 representatives from each town,
- \$1,500 per town support
- Focus on providing activities for the kids
- Past controversy – swimming pool – couldn't raise sufficient funds
 - Kids go to Lilly Pond now
 - Nickels Day Camp
 - Contribute funds to the YMCA – Ellsworth
- Ice Skating Rink –

Island Community Center

- Zumba Classes
- Walk for Health
- Senior Citizen Program
- Farmers Market

HIP – Healthy Island Project

- Kim Hutchinson
- Anne Douglas

School Programs

Playgrounds

Stonington: Have a playground – Veterans Memorial

- Getting use
- Older equipment may need to be replaced
- Funding is short for renovation
- Did a fund raiser for fencing
- Community Center
 - opens for basketball in the winter
 - Pat Gross – Community Center
- Indian Point Road – Pond – popular places to walk and ride

- Fisherman's Wives – interest in swimming pool.
 - o May have \$40k in reserve for a pool project
 - o Partnerships
 - Country Club
 - School
 - Motel
 - Town
- Ready by 21

Deer Isle

- Have a ball field –considering adding playground
- Received a grant from the County Benefits Fund for playground improvements
- May be an opportunity for collaborative use agreements
- Pilgrim's Inn – Brings in bikers – creates a lot of ill will from drivers
 - o Insufficient sight distance
 - o Realignment – would require some takings
 - o Suggest designating safer roads for bicycles

Kinds of Programs

- Information
- Infrastructure

Next Steps

- Identify people that will be involved
 - o News paper article
 - o Phone calls
- Plan
 - o Inventory
 - Public Meetings
 - Household Survey
 - School
 - Basketball game
 - Web survey
 - Mapping Exercise
 - o Goals and Objectives
 - Short – term
 - Using existing programs
 - Central information exchange - website
 - Medium term
 - Long Term
 - o Action Plan
 - Sources and uses of funds

Existing Asset Maps – leadership of Healthy Island Project

Strengths, Weaknesses

- Ready by 21 – asset maps
- HIP – Asset Map
- RALA – asset maps
- Recreation Board – programs
- Island Heritage Trust assets
- School assets
- Island Community Center
- Beaches
- Kayaking
- Comprehensive Plan

People to invite

- Sue Oliver
- School principals
- Volunteer Coaches –
 - o Bennet and Tracy Morry – opening an exchange for sports equipment
- Kathleen Osborn

Facilitation

- Anne Douglass
- Dana Douglass (did Ready by 21)
- Ron Beard
- Jim Fisher
- Others?