

Principles of Path Design

(approved by the Shore Road Path Committee 8/20/08)

The Shore Road Path Committee is charged with studying the potential for creating an off road path adjacent to Shore Road that should be designed with sensitivity to the character of Shore Road and in collaboration with property owners abutting Shore Road. In developing a concept plan for a path, the committee has agreed on the following guiding principles.

1. Right-of-way. The path should be located within the right-of-way of Shore Rd. If the path is to be located outside the right-of-way, it would be located on adjacent private property only with the willing support of the property owner.
2. Physical features. The path should be located to avoid significant trees, stone walls and other significant features whenever possible.
3. Separation. The path should be separated from the traveled way, while avoiding features (#2), to enhance the safety and comfort of path users.
4. Wetland Impacts. Wetland alterations should be minimized by moving the path close to Shore Rd. The path can be moved away from the traveled way where no substantial increase in wetland impact will occur.
5. Tree condition. Some trees may need to be removed and the committee will consider the health of the tree in making this recommendation.
6. Shore Rd crossings. The number of times that the path will cross Shore Rd will be minimized to enhance pedestrian safety.
7. Land side. The committee is leaning toward locating the path on the land side of Shore Rd as a result of an evaluation of physical features on both sides of the road, which indicates there are fewer obstacles to the path on the land side. (See attached Comparison Chart)