

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

(Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll, Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons; Mary Jane Mastrangelo; and George Slade (joined at 6:40 p.m.)

(Members absent: Kerrie M. Schofield)

Others in Attendance: Timothy Lydon; Michael Rausch; Mathew Silvia; and John York

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public comment: Mr. Silvia recommended thought be given to management of optics and emphasizing use of public resource.

Approval of minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's August 16, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Carroll, and seconded by Mr. Emmons. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Mastrangelo abstaining.*

Update on Canal Bridges advisory committee meeting, 9/26/2023: Mr. McPherson reported on the meeting, including that a comment was made that the Bourne Rail Trail will help with alternate transportation during bridge construction, and that the Army Corp of Engineers does not anticipate any increase in the frequency of raising and lowering the train bridge. Mr. York offered several criticisms of the meeting.

Update and discussion of Phase 1: Mr. Lydon reported that the notice of intent is now under review by MassDOT, and that he is scheduled to meet with MassDOT representatives with respect to the right of way process. 100% design submittal is expected in January 2024.

Updates and discussion of Phases 2-4: Mr. Lydon reported that phase 4 borings were completed and that those borings were needed whether we build rail-with-trail or rail-to-trail.

Updates on rail to trail proposal: Mr. Cheitlin updated the committee on efforts to obtain approval for removal of the track. He commended the alliance with members of the Falmouth biking community, discussed the unexpected opposition to rail-to-trail of the Falmouth Planning Board and the vigorous response by Tom Cahir and others. Discussion followed amongst the members concerning monitoring of social media concerning the project and manner of proceeding with the case for rail-to-trail.

Bike Committee/Advocates Coordination Email: In response to Mr. McPherson's inquiry, Ms. Mastrangelo requested inclusion on Colleen Medeiros's (Cape Cod Commission) email list.

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Discussion of other bicycle-related projects and events: Mr. Lydon suggested the committee seek public input on projects such as Complete Streets, the MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program, and the Safe Routes to School High School Ambassador Program. In response to Mr. McPherson's question whether the committee should explore any of these or other bicycle-related projects, Ms. Mastrangelo suggested the committee investigate what things could be added.

Proposed future meeting dates: October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (via Zoom); and December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (at the Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center, Room 1)

Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Mastrangelo. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote of the members on October 25, 2023.

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