

## Falmouth Transportation Committee Minutes of 1/13/2022

Present: Ed Dewitt, Alison Leschen, Chris McGuire, Rhona-Carlton-Foss, Paul Dreyer, Ralph Herbst, Guest Julian Suso (Town Manager.)

1. Chairman Dewitt called the meeting to order at 7pm. He read the Governor's order about Open meeting changes. He then welcomed Mr. Suso to the meeting.
2. **Discussion with Mr. Suso about transportation issues**, led by Chris.
  - a. **Signs.** Chris noted how we feel how the directional/info signs could look. Since the Select Board (SB) voted to establish a committee to address this issue, there has been little to no progress to do so. Mr. Suso feels this is under the purview of the DPW and that signs are planned to direct traffic to the new parking areas including the Depot Ave. lot. Signs directing traffic to specific buildings would probably be excessive. Chris reiterated the variety of signs could be large. Alison noted the bikeway connection to downtown is a priority. She also reminded Mr. Suso that the SB voted to form a committee and that the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) has money to aid in this. Ed asked what the process was to form such a committee. Mr. Suso said he will get back to us about this.
  - b. **Embarkation Fee Fund.** Chris mentioned about a surplus of money in the Embarkation account and how our committee would like to recommend to the SB one use of these funds, among others. The police say they don't have funds to constantly monitor the SSA traffic on Woods Hole Road. Mr. Suso responded that the Town Finance Committee controls this fund and spending from it and approves or disapproves of projects eligible for town meeting to vote on.
3. **Pavement Management.** Our committee voted (5-0-1) to forego a presentation to the Finance Committee at this time and to consider it later. Paul noted that the DPW Director is satisfied with their present process and that they are greatly understaffed.
4. **SMART (Southeast Mass Regional Transportation) request to Attorney General (AG) about SSA nuisance.** Our committee discussed what input we should have in endorsing the letter. Rhona wants the SB to use the letter to discuss the issue for possible action on their part. Chris noted we as a committee have not discussed the letter in detail. He then moved we endorse the letter and to recommend to the SB that they discuss the issue for possible action, such as writing a letter to the AG, since the AG can be the only one to rule on nuisance complaints.
5. **Downtown access and parking.** Alison feels that parking zones are the biggest issue with our proposal to the SB. Little has been done to move our suggestions forward since our presentation a year ago. We are waiting on action here.
6. **Complete Streets prioritization plan.** This plan was developed by the CCC for the town. Ralph noted it is a complex document that prioritizes 50 projects and that just the first three cost more than \$1 million. This document is needed so the town can apply for grants to aid in the implementation of Complete Streets in Falmouth. The CCC is holding a zoom meeting on Wed 1/19 to gather input on the plan. We voted 6-0 to have Chris represent us at the meeting.
7. Other items.
  - a. **Canal bridge replacement.** (Ralph) Nothing at this time.
  - b. **Rt 28 project.** (Alison) Nothing at this time.

- c. **Davis Straits redevelopment.** (Paul) The planning Board is working on this. Since Rt. 28 is a state road, they will dictate the use of this regarding size, parking, etc. Alison noted that parking was being considered on the street which would not be compatible with Complete Streets implementation.
  - d. **Falmouth Station – Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC).** The EDIC has a new executive director. They will hold a zoom meeting on Wed, 1/26 to gather input on the use of the property and the station. Both transportation and housing are to be discussed.
  - e. **Stormwater management.** Ed plans to make a presentation in April or May how this effects transportation.
- 8. The minutes of Dec. 9, 2021 were approved as written (6-0).
  - 9. Correspondence. Mr. Trumbull thanked the committee for its efforts.
  - 10. Public comment. None
  - 11. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Next meeting Thurs, 1/27 at 7 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Herbst, recorder