

Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee MINUTES

Virtual Committee Meeting Via Zoom

find the zoom link here:

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/bikeped>

February 1, 2023

7:00pm

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, this public meeting of the Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. The meeting will be held via Zoom video conference. The public can view, hear, and participate in the meeting in real time by joining the Zoom video conference.

2. Real-time public comment will be permitted utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments may be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting as determined by the Chair, or the Chair may ask for oral public comment and discussion.

a. Zoom Login instructions:

i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.falmouthmass.us/bikeped>

ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you

have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

3. Additionally, public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to Scott Lindell (scott.lindell@falmouthma.gov) at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email in advance of the meeting. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

Present: Peter Mili, Tim Shea, Pamela Rothstein, Katherine Jansen, Nathaniel Clark, Neel Aluru, Chris McGuire, Scott Lindell

Absent: JoAnn Fishbein,

Also present: Helen Manglesdorf, Harley Smith, Rachel McCaffery, Phoebe Acheson

Chairperson's opening remarks on conditions for remote meeting & participation

At 7:01 Scott called the meeting to order and read regulations for remote meetings.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes from previous meeting

Peter moved to approve the minutes of 1/4/23. KJ seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

Tim Shea-aye

Katherine Jansen-aye

Scott Lindell-abstained

Chris McGuire-abstained

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

Reports:

-Friends of Falmouth Bikeways

No report.

-Traffic Advisory Committee

KJ reported that the aprons at Chapoquoit and Old Dock have been approved. Palmer Ave signage has been recommended. Faded signage near Railroad Ave was approved and status of the repair will be checked.

KJ will be away in May and June and a substitute is needed.

New business

- Discussion with Committee members about Eversource communication plan, construction and detours for Shining Sea Bikeway:

A discussion included the following:

- The only written agreements produced by ES is an MOU and this is not a legally binding document.
- To date, there is no plan, schedule, or provisions for detoured cyclists.
- DPW does not seem worried. It may be that work doesn't start until the fall.
- Emails with ES are written correspondence.
- There were no assurances that ES would put things back where they found them.
- Regarding communication, it may be best that only one person speaks for the town.
- A formal/informal approach will be taken to express concerns, keeping in mind the advisory nature of the committee. A memo will be drafted.

- Update on DPW actions since last meeting

- o Harley & ongoing maintenance of QR code stations on SSBW

Harley Smith appeared with his final update. Flyers are now posted at many locations. He will leave contact information for relevant individuals that participated in the project and will continue to be involved. Tim will take custody of a post and other physical items. Harley said he appreciated the help of committee members.

Tim provided an update: A Sandwich specialist confirmed that Locust roots on bikeways are a big problem. They suggested removing all Locust trees and replacing with oak or spruce.

The committee agreed that the Palmer Ave crossing success should be celebrated. An event will be planned for bike month. Scott will call Liz to see about publicity.

Scott reported that two grants have been received by the DPW: A Shared Street grant for Curley Blvd and a Complete Streets grant for sidewalk completion from Hamblin Ave to Lawrence School.

- Falmouth libraries bicycle event: Phoebe Acheson, head of adult services, appeared to explain her proposal. She envisioned a ride along the SSBW with destinations of WH, Main, West Falmouth and maybe North libraries. This would be a family friendly event, tentatively scheduled for May 20th.

It was noted that it was unfortunate that East branch could not be included because of safety issues and a school/library connection would be important for East Falmouth.

- Safe Routes to School bike rodeo event on May 6th: Rachel McCaffery, outreach coordinator, reported that a bike rodeo is planned for May 6th at Teaticket School. All schools are welcomed.

- Update on Village Associations outreach and results, set tentative date for public meeting: The objective for the public meeting was explicated: Inform the public about the new law, hear what is important to the public, build a relationship with the associations. A guest speaker will be sought.

- Discussion on building stronger relationships in the community: Recreation Committee, Commission on Disabilities, Affordable Housing, dog walkers, others? How can we help each other?: Tabled.

- Interest in re-starting weekly Enterprise column? Could we rotate authors on the committee?: Tabled.

- Process for tracking upcoming grant deadlines: Tabled.

- Falmouth police liaison on BPC: Officer porter is stepping down and a new liaison will be taking over.

Old Business:

Complete Streets Prioritization process and next steps

Steamship Authority meeting for parking lot improvements

Other Committee Business for next Meeting: Embarkation Fund

At 8:41 Tim moved to adjourn. Pamela seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

Tim Shea-aye

Katherine Jansen-aye

Scott Lindell-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

Relevant Documents

SSBW concerns 2/1/23, Harley Smith documents