

FALMOUTH TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2022

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Present: Ed DeWitt, Ralph Herbst, Chris McGuire, Paul Dreyer, Rhona Carlton-Foss (joined 7:18 PM).

Absent: Alison Leschen

1. Mr. DeWitt read the remote meeting procedures and took the roll at 7:01 PM.
2. Wayfinding discussion. The Committee discussed the email from Select Board chair, Doug Brown, reporting that there was no answer on the formation of a wayfinding committee as recommended by the Committee and adopted by the Select Board last June. Mr. Brown's email stated the Select Board will be provided an update on the wayfinding committee at the Select Board's Monday (2/14/22) meeting. Mr. Dreyer moved to table, Mr. McGuire seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion via roll call.
3. CCRTA electronic information signage: The Committee discussed information about the potential availability of signage alerting the public to live information on transit schedule at key locations e.g., "next trolley to Woods Hole in 6 minutes". After, the chair confirms the signs include trolley information, the Committee will send a recommendation to the Select Board to submit a letter of support to the CCRTA.
4. All village wayfinding: This was follow-up from the joint meeting with Bicycle Pedestrian Committee identifying the need for improved wayfinding in all of the villages. There was consensus that the wayfinding committee, if and when established, should look beyond the downtown. Mr. Dreyer pointed out the need to work more closely with the Traffic Advisory Committee. He noted how responsive the Traffic Advisory Committee had been about no thru trucks on Lakeview Avenue.
5. Davis Straits joint meeting with Planning and Bicycle Pedestrian Committees: The timeline for the project design remains unclear. Mr. Dreyer proffered that a joint meeting of the three committees is premature. However, by consensus the Committee agreed that, if invited, the Committee would want to participate.
6. Complete Streets CY2022 Workplan: The Committee discussed how best to implement the Complete Streets priority plan. Ms. Carlton-Foss raised concerns about the mixed messaging that appears with the priority system, i.e. the numbers seem to have little or no importance. Mr. Dreyer noted that some projects might be worth promoting that were not on the plan citing some challenges into and out of Lawrence School. Mr. McGuire noted that some related elements of Mr. Dreyer's concern were actually in the plan. Mr. Dreyer noted that the vehicle entrance to Lawrence School is not on the priority list and is a priority for the Falmouth DPW. Every vehicle bringing a student to school uses this access road two times a day 180 days a year. Also, this is a queuing area for vehicles for students for Mullen-Hall School on a similar daily basis. The committee agreed that the school access is an important criterion to be considered. Mr. DeWitt noted that the priority list fails to connect projects like the Gifford/Dillingham crosswalk (#10) and the Dillingham multi-use path (#13). Mr. McGuire agreed to take the lead on establishing a 2022 workplan with a focus toward fall Town Meeting. Mr. Herbst cautioned that the Town's apparent poor track record for pursuing and obtaining grants needs to change to

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make Complete Streets a success. He noted that the Town had options from improved in-house support to hiring a grant consultant. Mr. McGuire noted that some Cape towns have strong records of obtaining grants. He suggested checking with some of the more successful towns in obtaining grants. Ms. Carlton-Foss noted that nonprofits have learned to exist through effective grant writing and grant administration. She questioned whether it was so much more difficult for the Town to manage grants than nonprofits. Mr. Herbst will provide the Committee options and ideas to consider to enhance grant writing and grant administration/management at our next meeting.

7. Embarkation Fee Fund: Mr. Herbst reported on his outreach with other towns use and accounting of the Embarkation Fees for ferry operation mitigation. He detailed Tisbury's mitigation committee and how that committee operates including annual schedule and how justification is evaluated. Ms. Carlton-Foss, Mr. Herbst and Mr. DeWitt discussed dredging in Great Harbor. It was agreed that the Committee was lacking facts on dredging. The Committee discussed the pending Committee recommendation on an Embarkation Fee Fund policy reportedly being considered by the Select Board on March 5, 2022. The consensus was to not make any additional suggestions such as establishing a review committee similar to Tisbury at this point in time. The Committee discussed allocation of the fund and projects that are ready to proceed in the near future. The projects were (1) the crosswalk at Palmer Avenue and Katherine Lee Bates Road and (2) noise survey of ferry corridors. Motion by Mr. McGuire, seconded by Ms. Carlton-Foss to forward both projects to Select Board for funding. Unanimously approved by roll call.
8. Chapter 90 Funding: Mr. DeWitt provided an overview of the Chapter 90 funding formula. The Committee decided to not pursue any policy recommendations at this time. There was some discussion of the actual road miles in Falmouth.
9. Minutes: The minutes for January 27th were approved subject to correcting a spelling error. Motion by Mr. Herbst seconded by Ms. Carlton-Foss, voted unanimously. The minutes of February 2, 2022 were approved with adding DPW objection to the Trotting Park project. Motion by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. McGuire, voted unanimously.
10. Updates and future agenda items:
 - a. Bridges: Mr. Herbst reported that Bourne ConCom has reached an agreement with Army Corps about protection of wetlands. Mr. DeWitt noted the governor announced funding for the bridges replacement had been secured.
 - b. EDIC - Station project: Mr. DeWitt reported that a meeting with executive director of the EDIC is still planned but EDIC needs some time to sort through public comment.
 - c. Stormwater Mr. DeWitt is still developing some informational presentations from Town officials to promote stormwater management into transportation planning.
 - d. Finance Committee: Mr. DeWitt reported on his call with Finance Committee chair. On pavement management - the Finance Committee does not routinely review so-called good ideas. The Finance chair did ask to receive a courtesy copy of the pavement management slide

presentation. It is possible that after review of slide presentation and Town Meeting, the Finance Committee might want additional information. The relevant Finance Committee subcommittee will be asking the Police Chief and Fire/Rescue Chief how they currently track Ferry Embarkation Fee Funds.

Motion by Ms. Carlton-Foss, seconded by Mr. McGuire to adjourn at 8:42 PM. Voted unanimous.

Recorder: Ed DeWitt

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