

## Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

### Virtual Committee Meeting Via Zoom

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

March 1, 2023, 7:00pm

1. Real-time public comment will be permitted utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software.

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.

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

Absent: JoAnn Fishbein, Scott Lindell

Also present: Jane Perry

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

At 7:00 KJ called the meeting to order and read regulations for remote meetings.

### Public Comment

Jane Perry stated that she was blind. She had concerns about the lack of audible pedestrian signals (APS) at many crossings in Falmouth and especially at Spring Bars Road and Worcester Court and the crossing near Kenyons. She sought support from the committee as she advocates for APSs.

KJ noted that the committee supports safety improvements for pedestrians and urged Jane Perry to email the committee with specific locations she was working on so that the committee could help.

### Minutes from previous meeting

Tim moved to approve the minutes of 2/1/23. Neel seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

Tim Shea-aye

Katherine Jansen-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

### Reports:

-Friends of Falmouth Bikeways

No report.

-Traffic Advisory Committee

KJ reported that the faded sign at Railroad and Luscombe Avenue has been replaced. One-way arrows will be painted on the roads.

Officer Oliver is now the chair and liaison to the BP Committee.

The TAC has asked Eversource for more detailed plans about the SSBW detours.

### New business

-Update on DPW actions since last meeting:

Tim reported that concern has been expressed about the pedestrian crossing at Rt 151 from Bucatino's restaurant to their parking lot especially at night. West bound vehicles are blinded by headlights of East bound vehicles. Bucatino patrons in dark clothing are barely, if at all visible. Jim Grady from DPW is going to look things over and suggest improvements to BPC and Bucatino's management.

-Quick update on actions about bicycle/pedestrian detours during Eversource project:

KJ reported that she and Nat met with Peter McConarty and Chief Dunne. It seems very unlikely that Eversource would begin the work in the spring. 3 areas of concern were identified at the meeting: The Ter Heun intersection, the Locust to Mill Road detour and the return from Woods Hole on the Locust to Mill Road detour. Prior to construction, Peter McConarty plans to convene a meeting of the police, fire, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Select Board, and other concerned parties to review and approve the Eversource plan.

-Introduction of new Falmouth Police liaison to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee: Officer Joshua Oliver.

Officer Oliver was not in attendance.

-Update on Village Associations outreach and results and April meeting:

The committee determined that there would be a regular meeting on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April and a public outreach meeting, potentially on the 12<sup>th</sup>. At the regular meeting, plans for Bike Month could be ironed out. The public outreach meeting would focus on the new law that allows municipalities to reduce speed limits under certain conditions and to identify priorities of the village associations. KJ will find out when Dylan Fernandez is available to attend the outreach meeting.

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

The committee was strongly in favor of collaboration and partnerships but there is little time to spare by committee members. Suggestions included once a year meeting with the different groups and building bridges with town staff, including the Planning Department.

-Discussion on interest in re-starting weekly Enterprise column. Could we rotate authors on the committee?

It was agreed that a weekly column would be a good tool to keep the BP Committee goals in the public eye but there is the issue of available time to do this. It was observed that the committee does have a voice with the Enterprise for important issues.

-Process for tracking upcoming grant deadlines:

Chris will complete a schedule of grant due dates.

At 7:56 Nat moved to adjourn. Pamela seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

Tim Shea-aye

Katherine Jansen-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye