March 3, 2021
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, the January 6, 2021 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 and hear the meeting in real time by joining the Zoom video conference.

2. Real-time public comment may be permitted at the discretion of the chair 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.
   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: Scott Lindell, Tim Shea, Chris McGuire, Pamela Rothstein, JoAnn Fishbein, Ben Harden, Neel Aluru, Ed Gross (logged in at 7:07), Ted Rowan (logged in at 7:12)

Also present: Lori Duerr, School Superintendent, Emily Budzynkiewicz, Safe Routes to School, Mike DiGiano, Chris Simmler, Megan English Bragga

Chairman’s opening remarks regarding conditions for remote meeting & participation

Scott opened the meeting at 7:01 and read Open Meeting Regulations and Ground Rules

Public Comment

None

Minutes from previous meeting

Chris moved to approve the minutes of 2/3/21 as written. Tim seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.
Chris McGuire-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Neel Aluru-aye
Tim Shea-aye
Scott Lindell-aye
Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

-Safe Routes to Schools and Complete Streets w/ School Superintendent

Lori Duerr, School Superintendent, and Emily Budzynkiewicz, Safe Routes to School representative included the following:

- Emily informed that she had been with the federally funded MassDOT program for more than 5 years. Its emphasis is on making getting to school safer for kids who choose to walk or bike to school. All K-8 schools are eligible to participate in this free program. A partnership model is used and all schools in Falmouth participate, with Teaticket being the most active.
- Emily reported that statewide, a lot of families are walking and biking to school. Some schools on the Cape are seeing an increase and some are not.
- Emily said that the program uses the 6 Es which includes engineering, encouraging, equity, education. Sometimes a project can be engineered but kids will not use unless
education is done on the front end. Maps are created and distributed to parents or guardians; dismissal assessments are done; data is gathered for informing what projects should be done.

- Emily encouraged including schools whenever new construction projects are underway to see how these infrastructure projects might incorporate safe routes to school.
- Dr. Duerr said that she had revived the Wellness Committee at the schools. Safe Routes is one of the things they are looking at to encourage walking and biking to schools; but only if it is safe. The look at signage, sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Scott mentioned the sidewalk proposal for the north side of KLB Road that could connect Mullen Hall, Lawrence School and the bikeway. It was hoped the school could support this.
- Pamela had 2 questions for Emily: Did Falmouth ever apply for a Safe Routes grant? Emily thought not. Why is the program limited to K-8? Emily explained that the program was originally funded this way and it never changed as it moved through various funding streams.
- Chris asked Dr. Duerr if heat maps were available to gauge student populations within a radius of schools.
  - She will check on this.
- Chris asked Emily if Safe Routes did this.
  - Emily said that they do. An email request to Emily starts the process. She then sends to the GIS team and it is placed in the queue. Requests can take up to a month to complete.
- Chris pondered how to enhance connections between Complete Streets and the schools.
- Dr. Duerr said that it was all about communication and indicated the schools are willing to be involved in the Complete Streets program and be part of the conversation.
- Megan English Bragga noted that about 6 years ago the school budget was more separate and distinct from the town’s. It is now more integrated with the town budget and this provides opportunity for more conversations about needs and projects.
- Pamela reviewed that this committee has worked with the Cape Cod Commission to find that place of collaboration. How do we collaborate to access data and information to bring things together to help each other?
  - Dr. Duerr said that the school was not there yet.
- Scott synthesized: there is a bike plan, 6 years old now; there are state agencies that can help with funding of projects; there is a Wellness Committee at the schools. If there is school support there is greater opportunity for town to be more responsive to committee priorities.
  - Emily said that getting a better sense of where the kids are coming from would be helpful. Safe Routes is very careful and mindful of information regarding children and takes extensive precautions. If it is known where populations are dense, it can facilitate evaluation and prioritization of projects.
- Dr. Duerr said it makes sense to get a heat map as the next step.
- Chris asked who can do this.
• Emily said that a request needs to be placed by a school administrator, such as a principal or the superintendent.
• Megan English Bragga recommended involving the Chamber of Commerce in collaborations regarding downtown.
• Chris recommended that someone from the bike and pedestrian committee create maps to visualize where the committee priorities are to be shared with the school Wellness Committee to review.

-Preparations for presentation to Select Board
Megan English Bragga suggested that there be a wait until after the results of the March 9 meeting with the DPW next week. Scott emphasized that it was imperative to address the issue with paving being scheduled for next month.

-KLB Rd. and Main St. designs and striping

Chris moved to support a plan for a multiuse path on the north side of KLB Road. Ted seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.
Chris McGuire-aye
Ted Rowan-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Neel Aluru-aye
Scott Lindell-aye

Motion passed.
Chris amended to strongly endorse the plan for the multi-use path on the north side of KLB Road. Ted seconded.

-EDIC Presentation
Chris Simmler and Mike DiGiano presented Falmouth Station Master Plans to the committee. Topics discussed included covered and improved bike storage, signage, workforce housing, additional parking, safe crossings across Route 28, interface of SA busses and other public transportation, improved bus schedules.

They will keep the committee updated as plans develop.

-Chairman’s discussions with Traffic Advisory Committee
Scott reported that the TAC is amenable to the idea of and willing to register support for a multi-use path on KLB Road; also striping on Main Street. They will further study the idea of eliminating 4 parking spaces.
-Communications with other Town Departments and CCC
Scott said that there was no update. He also suggested that Colleen be in contact with Dr Deurr for feedback and input on Complete Streets.

-Eco-counter updates
JoAnn sent the monthly update.

-Grant applications – CCC bike rack program
Julian Suso will bring to the DPW.

-Bicycle Friendly Town renewal application
Ted said that the survey data was being used to verify information presented in the application.

At 9:02 JoAnn moved adjourn. Chris seconded.
A roll call vote was taken.
Chris McGuire-aye
Ted Rowan-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Neel Aluru-aye
Scott Lindell-aye
Motion passed.