

Transportation Committee Minutes March 24, 2022

1. The meeting opened with welcome by Ed DeWitt, explanation of Zoom procedures, roll call taken at 7:01pm. Quorum established. Present: Ed DeWitt, Ralph Herbst, Paul Dreyer, Chris McGuire. Late: RhonaCarlton-Foss (7:07 pm)
Absent Alison Leschen(recuperating).

2. Ed opened the discussion of the relationship of the committee with the Town Manager. The Town Manager was notified of our intention to discuss this, but could not promise to attend due to commitments to follow up work from Town Meeting.

A discussion of the committee's relationship with the Town Manager followed, with the lack of follow through on his part and our inability to get information or action through work with him. A vote to table this discussion of our relationship with the Town manager was moved and seconded. It passed with a vote of 4-0-1 (Carlton-Foss abstained).

3. Ed asked Chris what he had learned from his work on the Complete Streets. There was nothing new. Ed brought up Peter McConarty reaching out to the school committee along with Paul's concern about the Lawrence school and safe routes to schools. He recommended that we make it a top priority and invite Peter and the School Department to a meeting. Chris reported that the bike committee had been doing some work on the same issue and added that Dr. Duerr is also very interested and should also be invited. The Complete Streets priority list was discussed and the need for a simplified version of the document. Colleen Meideros at the Cape Cod Commission will be asked for a simpler version, and whether the version proposed is correct. Paul pointed out that revisions were due April 1st, so it made sense to wait until after that. Chris agreed to check.

4. Stormwater Management: The document was reviewed and discussed. Ed will incorporate the suggested changes for review at our next meeting. After that review, the next step will be for the Town Engineer to review.

5. Committee in-person/remote meeting options discussed. It was moved and passed unanimously to move our meetings to the first and third Tuesdays of each month and to continue to have them on Zoom.

6. Report on the Local Comprehensive Plan by Ralph Herbst. There are 11 action items. Short term action items. It is a 2 year process. Goals have been approved. The assistant Town Manager spent a lot of time on the goals. Ed commented that the plans were those we struggle to implement. Chris asked about funding, and whether there were any sign posts. Chris recommended that we revisit the progress of the Local Comprehensive plan during our annual review.

7. Excise Tax: Ed asked the Assessor if there was a way of finding out what had changed in the town's income. since the notice about the excise tax had been added to the Steamship Authority forms. Apparently there was no way to find out. The question became whether the SSA could tell us who was utilizing long term parking (garaging in Falmouth) . Or could the Department of Revenue give us information. It was moved and voted 4-1 to ask the Select Board to request a listing from the Steamship Authority (Aye: DeWitt, Carlton-Foss, Herbst and McGuire - Nay: Dreyer)

8. a) There was no new information from Paul and Ralph about the Cape Cod Bridge Replacement.
b) Embarkation Fee discussion on March 28th by the Select Board.

9. The minutes of the March 10th meeting were reviewed and approved. Unanimous vote.

10. There was no Correspondence or Public comment.

11. It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. Passed unanimously. Our next meeting will be on April 19th. Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Recorder: Rhona Carlton-Foss