

**Transportation Committee  
Minutes of April 19, 2022**

1. Welcome

The Zoom procedures were reviewed and a quorum was established.

In attendance were: Ed DeWitt (Chair), Alison Leschen (Vice-chair), Chris McGuire, Rhona Carlton-Foss, and Paul Dreyer. Absent: Ralph Herbst

2. Panel discussion on Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School

A proposed meeting on May 3, 2022 with the DPW and School Department was proposed to include:

a. The Complete Streets prioritization by the Cape Cod Commission includes 50 projects eligible for funding in Falmouth and about 22 projects within one mile of a school. It was suggested that the larger projects could be eligible for Chapter 90 funding and many other projects could be implemented. There are other project that may impact the schools but the definition is that the project is located within one mile of a school.

b. The process for panel and goals could include a request to the school administration for their priority projects on the list. One of the goals of the meeting would be to facilitate how the School Administration shares their information with the DPW. It is intended that Dr. Lori Duerr and Patrick Murphy will attend the meeting, as well as Peter McConerty from DPW and Doug Brown from the Select Board. It is important that the School Administration and DPW set the priorities for these projects. The role of the Committee was suggested to be that of a facilitator for the School Administration and the DPW for these projects. It was suggested that it may be helpful to summarize the prioritization process used by the Commission presented at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Complete Streets 2022 Work Plan

This was discussed in the above item.

4. Stormwater Management

The intent is to integrate stormwater management into transportation culture and policies.

a. The draft report was discussed and the intent is to send the working draft to Jim McLoughlin for his comments before finalizing the report.

5. Committee annual report to Select Board

The process was discussed and who the presenter would be at the proposed meeting on June 20, 2022. Ms. Carlton-Foss suggested that the report identify issues, accomplishments and next steps. Mr. Dreyer asked to stay as positive possible. Mr. DeWitt agreed to draft the Annual Report for the Committee to review at the next meeting by the Committee. Mr. Dreyer asked to avoid anything that can be construed as a personal attack. Mr. DeWitt asked how to address the misinformation and lies provided to the Committee. Without answering some of the questions, the Committee elected to discuss the draft at the next meeting. After a brief discussion, Ms. Carlton-Foss moved not to change the date from June 20 and to not pair the presentation with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Mr. McGuire seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on Local Comprehensive Plan – Route 28 Main Street Master Plan

Ms. Leschen reported that the Route 28 Committee has not be reactivated as previously requested by the Select Board. Mr. Dreyer cautioned the Committee about limiting its focus to master plans and not cross into the purview of the Planning Board by reviewing the Local Comprehensive Plan. Mr. DeWitt disagreed and said he thought any transportation plan including the Local Comprehensive Plan was within the parameters of Committee's Mission Statement. Mr. DeWitt will draft a report to

Select Board based upon the discussion related to the McMahon Master Plan for Main Street and Route 28.

7. Other items

a. Cape Cod Canal Bridge Replacement

No report at this time.

b. Ferry Embarkation Fee Fund

The Chairman shared the memorandum from Mr. Suso on his letter to the Inspector General's office and there is no further information available.

c. Recommendation on Excise Tax

There has been no feedback on the letter sent to the Select Board on excise tax issues.

d. Committee annual reorganization

The Chairman stated that he will not seek reappointment to the Committee due to health reasons and will seek other activities. The Vice-chair also stated that she will not be rejoining the Committee when her term expires this year. The Chairman suggested that the other members consider the reorganization of the Committee in June.

7. Review and approve minutes

The minutes of March 24, 2022 were approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Leschen abstained).

9. Correspondence

None

10. Public comment

None

11. Adjourn

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

12. Next Meeting

May 3, 2022

Recorder: Paul Dreyer