

**Town of Falmouth MA
Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting of 05/03/22 (via Zoom)

Present: Chair DeWitt, Vice Chair Leschen, McGuire, Dryer, Herbst

Guests: Select Board Chair Doug Brown, DPW Director Peter McConarty, DPW Asst. Director Steve Cadorette, Falmouth School Superintendent Dr. Lori Duer, Falmouth Schools Patrick Murphy and ~3 members of the public.

1. Chair DeWitt calls meeting to order, welcome, Zoom procedures, quorum determination.
2. Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School Panel Discussion
 - a. DPW Update on Projects.
 - i. Katherine Lee Bates split: intersection of Rt 28; and completion of KLB sidewalk
 1. Intersection design may be complicated and time consuming to plan and permit
 2. KLB Sidewalk from pond to Palmer Ave-complete design in 2022, funding in late 2023 by grant or capital budget
 - ii. Gifford St replaced crosswalk signs with post reflectors at all six crosswalks
 - iii. Lakeview down Hamlin sidewalk just completed
 - b. New projects added to Complete Streets priority list
 - i. Goodwill crossing on Gifford st now #51, Dillingham sidewalk extension #52
 - c. Dr. Duer-goal of schools= safe sidewalks leading to the schools
 - i. Very few sidewalks to N Falmouth
 - ii. long term-ID affordable housing project connections to schools
 - iii. want to encourage more students walking
 - iv. 1 mile is the bussing radius, and SRTS Funding
 - v. Lawrence and Morse Pond pretty good, Mullen, Teaticket and N. Falmouth need work
 - vi. Sidewalks in Teaticket and E Falmouth had work done in recent years
 - vii. N. Falmouth lacking sidewalks and connectivity the most
 - viii. Teaticket major issue-cars going too fast-need to slow down traffic in front of school. Parents concerned
 1. Discuss past unsuccessful painting effort-too slippery
 2. Speed feedback signs are very successful in general
 3. *This seems the highest risk to children's safety-raise on priority list
 - d. Resources: Financial and Planning
 - i. Public works would like a copy of the student heatmaps-Dr Duer will send and DPW will keep confidential.
 - ii. Hoping town will include line in this year's budget similar to petition article for complete streets design funding.
 - iii. Public works is limited on staff capacity-can handle a couple grants a year.
 1. Looking at higher dollar grants with lower match requirements
 2. Town applies for grant programs-schools offer to help support that
 - iv. Embarkation fee fund has \$1.3Million to use on ferry mitigation projects

- v. Complete Streets-could apply in October.
- vi. Shared streets Program: applied for Curly Boulevard-road diet with bike lane striping on one side and feedback signs- Connection to bikepath on Curly
 - 1. Could connect to a project on Old Main rd to make long corridor
 - 2. Dr. Duer-Families may be concerned that striping is not safe enough
- vii. Mass Trails-plan to apply for bike path extension design to Bourne
- viii. Mass Works Infrastructure Program-could be a good fit for planning board and Davis overlay district
- ix. Dr Duer-Schools eager to collaborate on grant applications
- x. Match-town in-kind match doesn't go that far
- xi. Supplies and Materials: Cost per foot of sidewalk-has gone up 50% or more with increases in materials and labor. Will need more grants to help support these costs.
- xii. Question? should we be doing more design and maintenance instead of construction
 - 1. Do we have enough funding to create a backlog of projects
 - 2. Hire someone to manage grants ?
- e. Metrics of Success-How should we assess our success at moving towards complete streets success and opportunities
 - i. Most years town does a project to better accessibility to the schools
 - ii. Evaluate our recommendations to the selectboard and where they end up
 - iii. Equity concerns important-East Falmouth and Sandwich Road
- f. Summarize
 - i. School and DPW are working together-Patrick Murphy and Peter McConarty have a good working relationship.
 - ii. Town challenged with cost increases for construction
 - iii. Could benefit from increased town grant management capacity
 - iv. Teaticket cross walk is the school's top safety concern
- 3. Stormwater management-Sent draft to Jim McLaughlin-no comments yet
- 4. Report to Select Board June 20th Draft Review
 - a. Committee discussion of changes to early draft, for review at next meeting. Frustration expressed by many members about inaction by Select Board and Town on many recommendations made over the past 2 years.
- 5. Cape Cod Canal Bridge update-Dreyer
 - a. April 20th mtg. Lengthy discussion on federal infrastructure finding and timing
- 6. Ferry Embarkation Fee fund-Nothing New to report
- 7. Steamship Authority published schedule including the 0530 boat
 - a. Discussion of pursuing an MOU like Barnstable has with SSA. UPS reservation snafu for Nantucket couldn't be solved by adding another boat, due to MOU, so SSA rapidly licensed a private off-cape (New Bedford) barge service, a much longer distance run.
- 8. June 7th Meeting Agenda items
 - a. discuss committee reorganization/succession plan. Interim chair?
 - b. discuss MOU with SSA related to UPS freight boat and 0530 ferry
 - c. Discussion of Rt 28 Master Plan

9. Minutes of April 19th
 - a. A number of changes were suggested. Committee hadn't had time to review in advance.
 - b. Herbst/Leschen move to table minutes of April 19th . Role call vote carries 5-0-0
10. Correspondence: None
11. Public Comment: Mr. Trumball described process to request public hearing from SSA to dispute planned 0530 boat. And Embarkation funds proposal for noise and air monitoring.
12. Motion to adjourn Herbst/Leschen unanimous role call vote
 - a. Meeting adjourns at 2059

13. Next Meeting: June 7th, 2022

Recorder C. McGuire