

Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Virtual Committee Meeting Via Zoom

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May 3, 2023, 7:00pm

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Present: Peter Mili, Tim Shea, Pamela Rothstein, Nathaniel Clark, Neel Aluru, Chris McGuire, JoAnn Fishbein, Scott Lindell

Absent: Katherine Jansen

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

At 7:04 Scott called the meeting to order and read conditions for remote meetings.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Minutes from previous meeting

Chris moved to approve the minutes of 4/5/23. JoAnn seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

Scott Lindell-aye

#### Reports:

-Friends of Falmouth Bikeways

Peter attended the annual meeting of the Friends where a presentation was given about the Bourne Rail Trail bikeway extension by Ken Cheitlin Some funding is presently available under

the Corona Relief Stimulus Fund but contingent upon removal of the rail. The proposal is on the governor's desk. The committee agreed that this was a proposal that should be supported. Chris moved that the BP Committee send a letter to the Select Board requesting that the Select Board send a letter to the governor supporting the bikeway extension. Tim seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

Scott Lindell-aye

-Traffic Advisory Committee

No report this month. Tim Shea will be attending this meeting for KJ, who is away for two months. He is unable to cover the May meeting but will attend the June meeting.

#### New business

• Update on DPW semi-annual meeting with BPC held April 13, 2023

Scott reported:

-There is a renewed commitment to the process that has been in place where Tim sends requests to the DPW and they respond.

-For significant new requests such as signs, the BP Committee will now first make request to the TAC.

-The next meeting in September will be strategic with a focus on fiscal items.

-Peter McConarty said that the department will be using new road treatments and sealing techniques suggested by the Transportation Management Committee. Suggestions were made that new technologies and treatments may be appropriate on the bikeway.

-Jeremiah Pearson has been considering the Black Locust problem; there are concerns that abutters may be unhappy with removal of trees.

-KJ and Scott met with Steamship Authority representatives about concerns regarding the end of the bikeway in WH. There are no updated drawings/plans that we are aware of that include a clear 12' wide entrance and exit for the SSBW as currently exists. Plans on file show path ending in a bike parking lot.

-The DPW agrees that a traffic study for Railroad and Luscombe Avenue would be a good idea and a good use of embarkation funds. This will be addressed with the Select Board.

Chris offered comments:

-Regarding the roots, other communities dealing with this issue have had success removing the offending trees and replanting with more appropriate trees.

-West Tisbury has a police officer directing traffic in the area of the ferry terminal. Falmouth ought to try this for the busiest weekends, like Fourth of July. Woods Hole has a parking enforcement officer in the summer; could they also direct traffic for the busier ferries in between?

Pamela noted that police details are difficult to arrange because the police are very short staffed, especially during holidays.

-The SSA's Woods Hole parking lot lease is up for renewal at the end of this year, and this is one of few opportunities that the town has for leverage in negotiations with the SSA. We should ask the Town and DPW to use this effectively in design of the terminus.

- Bike Month Activities

-Rachel McCafferty, SRTS, Bike Rodeo on May 6<sup>th</sup>

This event will be held at the Teaticket School from 9-12

-Bike Breakfast, BPC, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

The committee will procure coffee, muffins, and bagels and set up at the Depot Avenue location. Scott will bring a sign in sheet. JoAnn will send an email blast. Rain date is the next day.

- SSBW Readiness

-Eco-counter potential solutions and timeline:

JoAnn has packed up the counter and sent it for repair. No data has been recorded on the Surf Drive Counter since January 24<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that the counter was only recording total counts, but was unable to differentiate between pedestrians and cyclists. The Friends have offered to upgrade the one located behind the Steamship Authority Parking lot on Palmer Avenue and have expressed an interest in installing a third counter in North Falmouth.

Neel noted that the Cape Cod Commission temporarily installs counters here and there across the Cape and had placed one recently at the northern end of the Shining Sea Bikeway. These counters do not distinguish between bikes and pedestrians.

-Tool station at Depot Avenue parking lot repair timeline:

Neel reported that the manufacturer sent a tool for the repair, but he was unable to repair this on his own. Tim offered to assist him to see if it can be resolved with a second set of hands. This will be the next step.

-Speed tracker work update:

Neel reported that his home-made kit and sensor has been tested and is consistently reading the right speed. There are remaining issues with brightness of the display and battery life. In a few weeks, the box should be ready and the system installed. A spot near the marsh was thought to be a good location.

#### Other Committee Business for next Meeting

Recruitment for positions on committee

At 8:09 Chris moved to adjourn. JoAnn seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Neel Aluru -aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Peter Mili-aye

Nathaniel Clark-aye  
Pamela Rothstein-aye  
Scott Lindell-aye