

**Town of Falmouth**  
**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tues, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom**

Present: Ed DeWitt (Chair), Alison Leschen (Vice Chair), Chris McGuire, Ralph Herbst, Paul Dreyer, Rhona Carlton Foss. Guest: Doug Brown (Select Board).

Meeting called to order at 7:02. Chair corrected the posted date to Tuesday, after consulting with the Town Clerk.

1. Zoom procedures were reviewed and a quorum established.
2. **Integration of Complete streets and safe routes to school.** The committee discussed our draft letter to the Select Board (SB) with recommendations and nine points the committee considered in making them. With DPW input we changed #8 to be more accurate and added the word "writer" after the word administrator. The letter as changed was approved 6-0.
3. **Stormwater Management integration into culture and policies.** We discussed the report to the SB at length, mostly about drainage standards. Ed will get back to the director of the DPW for clarification of standards and the use of a pumping truck for catch basin and septic cleaning. The report will be reconsidered at our next meeting.
4. **Review/discuss Rt 28 report.** We discussed our letter to the SB, mainly about the lack of action regarding The McMahan plan (2015). Doug indicated that issues with property owners can slow things down. Ralph suggested we wait for a response from the SB on how to go forward. The committee agreed to hold this letter for further discussion.
5. **Town MOU with the SSA.** ++++We discussed our letter to the SB. With two minor typos corrected, the committee voted unanimously to send it. It was noted that the SSA expedited freight from New Bedford to Nantucket to accommodate UPS with no problem, indicating they can move quickly if necessary.
6. **SSA/Excise tax.** The SSA denied a request from the town to provide data on the M/V cars parking in Falmouth. Ed will draft a letter to the SB about this issue.
7. **Committee annual in-person report to the SB (June 27).** Alison agreed to make the oral report to the SB. Our written report was discussed as well and, with minor changes, was voted 6-0 for approval. This is sent to the SB prior to the oral report.
8. **Committee annual reorganization.** Considering that Ed and Alison will be leaving the committee in July, Ralph asked the remaining members if any of them would be willing to serve as chair or vice chair. No one indicated they would, including Ralph. We agreed that the oral report would not commit any member's position on continuing on the committee. Paul proposed to suspend operations until new members are appointed by the Select Board.
9. **Cape Cod canal/IG Ferry Embarkation fee.** Due to the late hour of the meeting, this will be discussed at our next meeting.
10. **Minutes.** The April 19, 2022 (as amended) and the May 3, 2022 minutes were approved, 6-0.
11. **Agenda for 6/21 meeting.** TBD
12. **Correspondence.** None
13. **Public comment.** This item was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the presenter from the League of Women Voters (LWV), Denise Morreale. The Falmouth LWV did a transportation study following one done by the Mass. LWV. They created a 16 minute slide show to present at their annual meeting, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in Town Hall. We are invited to review the slide show for accuracy and attend their annual meeting.
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:28. Next meeting is Tues, 6/21 via Zoom at 7pm.

Submitted by Ralph Herbst, recorder