

Falmouth Bikeways Committee
Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 7 PM
Old Water Dept. Rm (Main Floor), Town Hall, Falmouth MA

Present: Scott Lindell, Pamela Rothstein, Tim Shea, Chris McGuire, Clifford Harris
At 7:08 Scott called the meeting to order.

Saconesset Hills emergency access to SSBW

Eric Turkington appeared, and explained that residents of Saconesset Hills wished to construct an emergency access to their development that would cross the bikeway. Presently there is access only by a bridge over the bikeway, and though the association maintains the bridge, there is concern that residents would be stuck if something should happen to the bridge.

Clifford moved to draft a letter of support for the proposal. Chris seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Minutes from previous meeting

Chris moved to approve with correction. Scott seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Friends of Falmouth Bikeways

Patty reported that a working group has been formed to deal with the North Falmouth parking lot.

Review of Town action toward development of bike/ped committee

Scott reported that Megan English Braga said that the Board of Selectmen will address the request to change the Bikeways Committee to a Bike/Pedestrian committee at an upcoming meeting. The Commission on Disabilities supports the change. Scott will research other towns that have bike/ped committees in preparation of presentation to BoS. Pamela, Chris and possibly others will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting with Scott on February 25th.

Rt. 28/Main St. re-design plans

David Vieira has been proactive with this process, summarizing the Complete Streets specifications. Ray Jack has been supportive, too. Scott asked the committee if it had any visions for Phase 2. Concern was expressed for a bike lane created with just striping in the existing plan as cars could easily swerve into a bike lane with this setup. Concern was expressed that the Bikeways Committee's advice won't be heeded by planners.

Chris moved that the number one priority for the committee for this reconstruction is for a physically separated path or lane. Pamela seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Measures to improve bike/ped safety and interactions on SSBW- Safety vest campaign

Pamela unveiled the vests. Cost per vest is about \$8.25. The committee discussed where to place the vests and posters regarding the vests. Pamela will discuss finances and distribution with Howling Bird Studio. Pamela will write a press release.

Falmouth Extension / Bourne Rail Trail design and engineering

Patty advised that the committee was the proper applicant to the CPC for design funds. As this is time sensitive, a November application would be appropriate. Tim volunteered to shepherd the

process with the Board of Selectmen and the CPC.

Winter Ride Plans

Pamela reported that it is scheduled for 3/16

Bike Rack signage project

The cost of signs may be slightly greater than the CPC grant. Scott suggested that funds from the donation account could be used to cover if necessary.

Chris moved to cover the costs from the donation account. Clifford seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

The committee will email Scott with any further suggestions.

Discussions with Town, DPW re road works and SSBW safety maintenance

Tim reported that when doing repaving, large sections must be done. There are some gaps in the stretch between Elm and Surf Drive.

Bicycle/ped/driving education workshops

The committee will ask the MassBike Executive Director if/what he is willing to consider regarding education presentations when he is in town on 5/15

At 8:36 Tim moved to adjourn. Chris seconded.