

Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7 PM

Via Zoom

Present: Scott Lindell, Tim Shea, Chris McGuire, Ben Harden, Pamela Rothstein, JoAnn Fishbein, Ted Rowan

Scott opened the meeting at 7:02. A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-present

Tim Shea-present

Chris McGuire-present

Ben Harden-present

Pamela Rothstein-present

JoAnn Fishbein-present

Ted Rowan signed in at 7:07

Also present: Michael Pavan, Jennifer Woodward

Opening remarks regarding conditions for remote meeting and participation:

Scott read regulations regarding Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency and ground rules for the meeting.

Public Comment:

Michael Pavan asked what the committee will be doing to acknowledge the pedestrian aspect of its charge.

Minutes from previous meeting

Chris moved to accept the minutes of 2/5 as written. Tim seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Ben Harden-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Ted Rowan abstained

Motion passed.

Election of Officers

Chris nominated Ted for Treasurer. JoAnn seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ted Rowan -aye
Motion passed.

Chris nominated Pamela for Vice Chair. Tim seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye
Tim Shea-aye
Chris McGuire-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ted Rowan -aye
Motion passed.

Chris nominated Scott for Chair. Pamela seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye
Tim Shea-aye
Chris McGuire-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ted Rowan -aye
Motion passed.

Pamela nominated JoAnn for Secretary. Scott seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye
Tim Shea-aye
Chris McGuire-aye
Ben Harden-aye
Pamela Rothstein-aye
JoAnn Fishbein-aye
Ted Rowan -aye
Motion passed.

Coordination with Town Government

- SSBW: There has been correspondence from the public expressing concern about lack of face covering and social distancing on the bikeway. It was noted that there was some signage but it was not clear who posted the signage and the 8 ½” x 11 inch signs were deemed too small. Discussion ensued regarding steps that might be taken address concerns in the community. These included: what message should be conveyed re

wearing of masks and narrow bikeway; more visible signage, possibly flashing electronic message; periodic police presence for enforcement; The emails sent to the committee have been forwarded to Julian Suso and the Select Board. Scott will draft a letter for the Falmouth Enterprise acknowledging that the committee is addressing these concerns.

Ted moved to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen to express concern with signage and enforcement on the bikeway and seek means to improve safe use of the bikeway. Pamela seconded. Ted amended that the letter be sent to Town Authorities.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Ted Rowan -aye

Motion passed.

- DPW – see summary of spring/summer correspondence:
 - The correspondence between the DPW and committee were reviewed. Ted thanked Tim and Scott for putting this together and staying in close contact with the DPW. DPW has said that they are not constrained by manpower but all funding has been frozen during COVID-19.
- Planning Board and Department:
 - Liaison is Jim Fox. Scott will invite him to join one of our meetings.
- Police (new enforcement grant):
 - The grant is primarily crosswalk enforcement.
- Transportation Management Committee:
 - Meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 6:00
- SSBW extension progress:
 - On hold until the CPC votes on funding. ½ of funding expected from CPC in November if vote is approved. The DPW will supply the other ½ of the funding.
- Complete Streets:
 - The town is in agreement with the CCC as the Complete Street plan has been accepted and funds are now available. Members of the BPC would like to be included in the Prioritization Plan. Scott has asked Peter McConarty to inform the committee when things are being discussed.
- Eco-counter installation:
 - The DPW has the equipment now. Discussion will take place about where to locate. Probably will be placed by the Steamship Authority parking lot.
- Wayfinding Signage installed, update to kiosks planned:
 - Wayfinding signs are in place thanks to JoAnn
 - Alison Lechen has been working on updating the information to go into the SSBW kiosks. Pamela has gone on record to thank Alison for her work.
- Rt. 28/Main St. re-design plans (summer closure proposal):
 - The state has comments made regarding Phase 3. There may be additional public meetings.
 - Recommendation for letter to be sent to BOS regarding our disappointment that a

proposal to close part of Main St was not adopted, at least on a trial basis part of the weekend. Ted offered to investigate some options that have worked in other towns.

- Update re road work plans (Goodwill Crossing) and SSBW safety maintenance:
 - Request is in for an additional warning sign at Goodwill Crossing
- Grant applications (WH Foundation, CCC Bike Racks, others?):
 - On hold.
- Next meeting date: August 5

At 8:31 Tim moved to adjourn. Chris seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Scott Lindell-aye

Tim Shea-aye

Chris McGuire-aye

Pamela Rothstein-aye

JoAnn Fishbein-aye

Ted Rowan -aye

Motion passed.

Relevant Documents

Spring/Summer summary of correspondence BPC and DPW email