

## Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

### Agenda for Meeting

Wednesday, July 3, 2019 7 PM

Old Water Dept. Rm (Main Floor), Town Hall, Main St., Falmouth MA

Present: Scott Lindell, JoAnn Fishbein, Chris McGuire, Ed Gross, Pamela Rothstein

Also present: Doug Jones, Megan English Braga

At 7:03 Scott called the meeting to order.

#### Minutes from previous meeting

**Chris moved to approve the minutes of 6/5. JoAnn seconded. All in favor; motion passed.**

#### Complete Streets policy

A discussion included the following:

- The committee is looking for a formal adoption of the Complete Streets policy by the Board of Selectmen.
- The DPW is concerned that the policy will tie their hands. The general consensus of the committee and selectpersons present was that Complete Street is in keeping with everything Falmouth is currently doing.
- The town planner, Tom Bott, and selectpersons are familiar with and supportive of Complete Streets.
- As part of the process, the Meghan recommended someone from the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee should contact the Planning Board and begin a conversation.
- The Planning Board could act as advocates and provide education to resolve some of the misconceptions that exist about the policy.
- Peer to peer advocacy may be most effective. The MassDOT, other towns that have adopted the policy or state representatives could advocate.
- There is a lot of work to do to counter the misinformation that is prevalent.
- The Bikeways/Pedestrian committee will do some work to investigate who might be an advocate for this initiative.

#### Rt. 28/Main St. re-design plans

Megan English Braga reported that MassDOT has not yet looked at the proposal. David Viera is scheduled to give an update to the Board of Selectmen this Monday.

Scott expressed concerns that he requested of Ray Jack that the committee be kept involved but there were not assurances of this from Mr. Jack. Megan English Braga requested to be copied on emails. She will follow up on this at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday.

#### Update re road works and SSBW safety maintenance

The town has paved some sections on the north end of the bikeway.

The section just north of Ter Heun Drive will be regraded next.

Tim had been focused on the Trunk River section when the bridge was damaged and will try to get a date for the repair work.

Nobska Road Bridge was damaged by Eversource Truck on Monday. Eversource might cover some of the cost of repair.

Ray Jack has taken on the legwork on the bikeway extension to Bourne.

Pamela suggested that the pruning of the Rosa Ragosa be initiated near Trunk River.

Megan English Braga will check on the status of the Goodwill Crossing.

#### Safety vest campaign – FCTV outreach piece

Pamela will check with Howling Bird about the status of the vest supply.

FCTV can do a PSA. The committee will ponder what the focus should be. Vests?

Summertime safety?

JoAnn will explore funding for vests to give to J1 workers next summer.

#### New bike parking signs (TAC), new rack (Maravista) and kiosk (WH)

Scott reported that all but 2 or three bike parking signs are installed.

Pamela noted that there is currently no bike rack at Megansett Beach. Scott will talk to the Beach Committee about placing one of the wooden racks there.

Scott will also talk to the Steamship Authority about the placing of the Woods Hole Kiosk.

A letter to the editor recently appeared in the Enterprise complaining of the speed of cars in the Woods Hole parking lot. Agreement was made that their needs to be a method to calm traffic and make drivers more aware of the bike path going through the lot. One suggestion was repainting the sharrows on a triangle of a different color so they are more noticeable.

#### Summer ride/event

Postponed until fall.

#### Bike Count

Data will be available soon.

#### Future Agenda items:

- CPC application status – N. Falmouth Extension

- ADA audible crosswalks at Locust St. and Goodwill Crossing

- Goodwill Crossing

- Gifford St. crosswalk at Goodwill Park

- Expansion of role of schools on committee

At 8:18 JoAnn moved to adjourn. Chris seconded.