

**Route 28 Citizens' Committee Meeting: January 17, 2019, 7pm**  
**Minutes approved as amended at Jan. 24 meeting.**

Attending were Alison Leschen, Ben Harden (Bikeways Committee), Charlotte Harris (Planning Board), David Vieira (State Representative), Gregg Berkley, James (Jim) Marshall, John Silvia, Mary Barry, Rachel Howard, and Ray Jack (DPW director). The member from the Commission on Disabilities did not attend.

The scope of the committee's work is to include the portion of Route 28 in Falmouth, MA, from Sandwich Road (not including the interchange) to the first portion of Oxbow Road. Ray Jack announced that the Maravista intersection will not be altered. ~~Ray Jack also stated that~~ The minimum ~~the town~~ MASSDOT would consider is a 5' sidewalk on one side of the highway and an 8-10' multi-modal/shared use path on the other side. Bicyclists must be accommodated. \*

Documents, including photos and roadway plans, will be made available to committee members via Dropbox.

Important aspects to consider:

- Safety, navigation, and visual appeal.
- Retaining the charm of Falmouth.
- Incorporation of burying utility lines (as put forth by Selectman Doug Brown).
- Placement/retention of trees, shrubs, fences, utility poles, and cutouts (and potential relocation of same).
- Potential for easement in select cases.
- The road may be shifted to accommodate the path.
- The potential to switch modes of accommodation due to obstacles.

The committee voted in Alison Leschen as Chair, Jim Marshall as Vice-chair, and Rachel Howard as Secretary.

The committee plans to walk the stretch of highway to examine potential issues on the morning of February 2nd with February 9th as a weather date.

A public forum is tentatively scheduled for March 7th to receive public input and concerns.

Meetings are scheduled every Thursday evening at 7pm in the Old Water Room at Town Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at 7pm.

The final proposal from the committee must be presented on April 5th.

Public Comments included the possibility of burying utilities, protection of trees, reducing the width of the road itself to help accommodate the walk/bikeways, whether there would be public access to the documents created by the committee (some will be available on the town's website), some abutters will lose half their lawns, and the part of Highway 28 by the storage facility across from Falmouth Lumber has a steep and sudden drop off.

The next meeting's agenda was set as

1. Complete Streets Briefing by Representative Vieira.
2. Break down the section to identify problem areas.
3. Choose which side of 28 will have the multi-modal way or determine if one on each side is appropriate.
4. Public Comments.

\*Amendments made at the 01.24.19 meeting.