

Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7 PM  
Old Water Dept. Rm (Main Floor), Town Hall, Main St., Falmouth MA

Present: Pamela Rothstein, JoAnn Fishbein, Tim Shea, Clifford Harris, Ed Gross, Ted Rowan  
At 7:05 Pamela called the meeting to order.

#### Public Comment

Mike Paven suggested that a change be made to the Town of Falmouth Bikeways Committee page indicating that the meetings are “usually held on the first Wednesday of the month”. He also recommended that safety vest purchase information be added to the Town Web page and asked if future orders might include XL. Howlingbird has agreed to accept orders for XL in the future. Cliff offered to contact the IT department about modifying the web site. Mike also recommended that the “Bumps Ahead Sign” behind Wood Lumber be placed further south, closer to the unrepaired section of the path as the area where it is currently posted has been repaired. Jennifer Woodward, representing the Falmouth Public Library, noted that the new cargo-bike went on the road for the first time last week and she plans to attend the Bike to Work (and for Fun) Day event with the bike. She has also purchased SWAG for the Bike to Work Day on behalf of the library.

#### Minutes from previous meeting

**Cliff moved to approve the minutes of 4/3/19. Tim seconded. All in favor; motion passed.**

#### Friends of Falmouth Bikeways

Patty reported that the Town Selectmen did not approve of the application to the CPC for funding for design and engineering plans to connect the Shining Sea Bikeway to the Bourn Rail Trail, a process that will take many years. Tim moved and Pam seconded a motion to forward a link to the Bourne Plan for the northern extension of the SSBW to the Town Manager and Town Planner. Tim will send this request to Scott.

Wed May 15 is the annual meeting of the FFBW. Galen Mook MA Bike Director will be the guest speaker. Additionally the FFBW is planning to host a program this summer of a bike trip from Cairo to Capetown completed by local riders.

Water Stewards Celebration Plan Once the new water refill station is installed, the Water Stewards are hoping to hold a celebration at the N. Falmouth Parking lot at the end of the SSBW. No plans are currently defined. The new picnic table and the repair station from the Rowan Family, in memory of Maryanne are now in place.

#### Bike to Work Week plans

Bike to work day is scheduled for Tuesday 5/14. Rain date is the next day. Assignments were reviewed and confirmed for refreshments, raffles, swag. JoAnn received swag Bay State Bike and Jennifer will also bring ankle bands for riders. Ed will contact the bike shops about donations that might be used as raffle prizes. Cliff will contact Jack in the Beanstalk regarding bananas. Members were asked to wear their new safety vests and JoAnn will bring a sign-up sheet for vests.

Bikeway User Count – Ed suggested this be held on May 18, with a rain date May 19. from 7-7. He circulated a sign-up sheet. Additional volunteers will be recruited by FFBW.

Goodwill Crossing Tim reported that the DPW and MA DOT District 5 are working on this. The plan is currently for a red stop light triggered by the pressing of a button at the crosswalk. Tim will contact the

DPW about posting a “Signal Ahead” warning sign on the southern approach before the light.

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

Mike Paven reported that the committee is now disbanded. Concern was expressed that this design continue into the next phase so as not to dump users of the path into the traffic of Phase 2.

#### Update re DPW plans- road works and SSBW safety maintenance

Tim updated members on the status of work requested. A repaving of Wing Rd to Winslow will begin on Wed. If funds are available after this, the area from Ter Heun to Woodrise will also be repaired. Crack sealing was started last Monday at the Woods Hole end of the path. A red safety cone has been placed by the washout at the 1.1 mile mark of the SSBW. Shore St/Surf Drive intersection re-design will include a sidewalk and a stop sign has been added.

#### Safety vest campaign

The next order of vests will be placed mid-July. Howling Bird is now willing to take orders for S and XL vests as well as M and L.

#### Benches

Ted suggested that if benches are to be ordered they be made of higher end composite materials that require no maintenance. Ted will follow-up with Scott about how to move forward with this.

#### EDIC proposed bridge/walkway

The EDIC does not need Bikeway Committee input to move forward with this.

#### Church of Messiah connector in WH

Nothing to report.

#### Bicycle Plan Follow-up

DPW and Town Council are currently working on obtaining a permanent easement from the North Falmouth Parking Lot to the bike path. This will include a waterline for the Refill Station. The property owner at the end of the lot has been disturbed by cars that are blocking his driveway and mailbox and a request has been made to generate “Don’t Block the Driveway Signs”

#### Future Agenda items:

- Complete Streets Outreach and education
- New bike rack (Maravista) and kiosk (WH)
- ADA audible crosswalks at Locust St. and Goodwill Crossing
- Gifford St. crosswalk at Goodwill Park

At 8:17 Ed moved to adjourn. Ted seconded.

#### Relevant Documents:

Minutes 4/3/29

Bikeway Work Requests Spreadsheet