

## **FALMOUTH TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – August 27, 2020 @7PM (via Zoom)**

Present: Ed DeWitt (Chairman), Alison Leschen, Ralph Herbst, Chris McGuire, Jane Perry, Paul Grunden, Paul Dreyer

Chairman Ed Dewitt read the Governor's order about the Open Meeting Law changes. He called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone. Jane Perry advised that she was recording the meeting. Each member then spoke about brief vision for the Committee going forth.
2. The minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting were approved with the addition of the recorder.
3. This week's topics with presentations and discussion are:
  - A. Parking downtown. Michael Kasparian from the Chamber of Commerce suggested: managed parking and an expanded area near the library and a trolley loop to transport people to Main Street. The Chamber had a meeting for members on transportation but it was poorly attended and suggested continued opportunities for discussion as all stakeholders need to be involved. The Shiverick's Pond Trail project being considered at Town Meeting would provide a secondary benefit for use of the Lawrence School parking with a dedicated walking trail to Main Street
  - B. Bicycle Issues/projects in Town: Chris McGuire presented a summary of the recent activities and mentioned ten projects in close cooperation with the DPW.
4. Strategic Approach: The Select Board have a five-year Strategic Plan and the Planning Board has a Local Comprehensive Plan discussing transportation issues. The DPW has in place consulting contracts for street intersections and a Master Plan for transportation was recently completed. They are continuing with the Route 28 design process with the citizens group and the design team. The Chairman discussed the proposed items to be included by Sen. Sue Moran for the State Bond Bill that would consider an intermodal transportation center at the Falmouth Station on Depot Avenue based on comments from Tom Cahir, Administrator for the CCRTA.
5. Briefing Topics: A list of twelve briefing topics was provided for future discussions. These topics range from parking to wayfinding/signage to public safety and include the Steamship Authority freight impacts and canal bridge replacement. It was determined that the priority of the first three topics are as follows:
  - Downtown parking in Falmouth,
  - Complete Streets policy, and
  - Steamship Authority freight issues.
6. Fall Town Meeting: It was suggested that funding for staff support to the Committee be considered as a Town Meeting article in the spring and pursue grant requests for support. Also, consider extending the existing consulting contracts with DPW for support to the Committee.

Next meeting: **September 10, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom**. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Recording Secretary: Paul Dreyer