

Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee  
Minutes 10/15/2014 7pm  
Annex Conference Room  
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail Charlestown RI

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Faith LaBossiere. Richard Horstmann motioned to accept minutes from 9/18/2014 meeting and Annie Campbell seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present at the meeting were Faith LaBossiere, Richard Horstmann, Annie Campbell, Jennifer Demirs, Jennifer Hodshon, Jonathan Hammett and Sherry Drude. Absent were Bob Carlson, Nora Bradley, Pat Lyons, Dick Newton (consultant) and John Harrington (consultant).

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Motion to nominate Jen Hodshon for Vice-Chair and Sherry Drude for Secretary by Richard Horstmann and seconded by Annie Campbell. All members were in favor.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS:

Faith LaBossiere discussed availability of the group for next meeting and decided 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month might work. Next meeting scheduled for 11/19/14 7 pm \*\*Faith LaBossiere will reserve the room and will speak with the board regarding increasing number of people on Ad Hoc committee to 9.

5. BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

David Tranchida of the Westerly sun published 2 articles 9/23/14 10/2/14 that were well received in the community.

Annie Campbell reported updating local PTO with Bicycle Pathway information.

Dick Horstmann reported speaking with Donna Walsh

- a. Main thrust of the conversation was that the Ad Hoc Committee needs an official letter from the Town Council.
- b. Get on "TIP" list
- c. Feasibility study needs to be done
- d. Question joining RI Bike

Dick Horstmann will write a letter\*\*to the council to obtain a formal letter for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Faith LaBossiere suggested contacting other towns to see their Feasibility Study.

6. AREAS OF RESEARCH AND REVIEW OF MAPS:

Discussed that when we are identifying trails, Town Council and Park and Rec. needs to be included in the tour also to examine white cedar swamp and "Mud Cove" for crossing wetlands. Land Trust needs to be contacted to discuss using land like behind the library. Consider contacting RI Biking Coalition or RI Bike to get a speaker for one of our meetings. Contact East Coast Alliance –Maine to Florida for information. Faith LaBossiere encouraged all to explore websites and become aware.

Dick Newton consultant states our strategy is to enhance/make safer the Route 1 bike land with some offshoot loops for variety of different riding experiences. There is a lot of bike traffic on

RT 1 throughout the year and it is also utilized for the weekly time trials during the summer providing the opportunity of leverage off the existing infrastructure.

We need to get the word out. Parks and Rec, Public Works, Boards and Commissions, Zoning, Planning/conservation need to be made aware so they mention our comprehensive plan and support cycle and pedestrian pathways.

Dick Horseman\*\* is going to call Alan Arsenault to see if we can get copies of his pamphlet containing rules for 3 models of construction approved by the RI Department of Transportation. Also talked about, additional needs like bathrooms and additional parking at trail heads.

7. NEED TO EXTEND MEETING:

Annie Campbell motioned to extend meeting by 15 minutes and Jonathan Hammett seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

8. CONTINUE OF AREAS OF RESEARCH AND REVIEW OF MAPS:

Faith LaBossiere \*\* will contact Bradford Associates to see if they can give us some insight as to what their motivation was in 2007 when they did the RT 1 Corridor Study and to invite them to a meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Kollitides volunteered to contact the Town of Narragansett for their contact person in charge of bike trails.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Wed. 11/19/14 7pm at the Town Hall's Council Chambers

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Richard Horstmann at 8:20 pm and seconded by Jennifer Demirs. All approved.

By Sherry Drude  
Acting Secretary