

BICYCLE PATHWAY AD HOC COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
ADDITIONAL MEETING 11/4/15 9am ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM  
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL 4540 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL CHARLESTOWN RI

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Faith LaBossiere at 9 am.

2. ROLL CALL:

Faith Labossiere- AHBPC

Bill Wilson- AHBPC

Pat Lyons- AHBPC

Sherry Drude- AHBPC

Bonnie Van Slyke- Town Council

Kara Scott-Frosty Drew

Kristin Pereira-Bradford Associates

Mark Stankiewkz-Town of Charlestown

Jeff Allen-Chief of Police

Tom Gentz-Town Council

Vicky Hilton-Park&Recreation

Charlie Vandemoer-US Fish and Wildlife

Julie Beasley-Park&Recreation

3. PRESENTATION BY KRISTIN PEREIRA –BRADFORD ASSOCIATES

Kristin gave a lengthy and thorough presentation similar to what she had given the AHBPC on 10/21/15 using the six conceptual plans that we had at our meeting.

4. DISCUSSION AS FOLLOWS:

- Pat Lyons reminded everyone that the pathway would be about 1 mile and would be used by families with kids on bikes and strollers. Money may be the driving force in what we can or cannot do.
- Tom Gentz voiced concern about 10' of pavement might put pathway out into vehicular traffic in park and for safety we need to be careful where route goes—might try a different track like around Little Ninnie—discussion about the route designed currently going from play ground to Frosty Drew.
- Kara Scott voiced concern about parking at Frosty Drew especially at night and with camp drop off. There is a map of the Frosty Drew and this will outline exactly what is managed by her. She will obtain a copy and share with this group. She wants us to be careful in using non-reflective signage for the night sky at the observatory. Also wants good signage regarding when the pathway will be open---dawn to dusk. Dusk being the optimum word so that the folks on pathway will be gone prior to people coming to use the observatory.
- Vicky Hilton reminded us that the fire department uses the area around Little Ninnie for training purposes and we need to be mindful of this and perhaps need to speak to the Fire Department to find out what exactly that entails. Also on the map it is noted that there is a movable trailer. She clarifies that by saying it is not movable. Also in the area to be cleared to the right of the trail on the purple line she wanted us to know there is a

concrete foundation that we need to work around because it probably cannot be moved. This is the same area that has an underground tank that has potential issues.

- Mark Stankiewkz suggests maybe all new paving would be the way to go. Instead of top coat now or to do something that might last 20 years. This is a financial question that will unfold as we do our research. He would like to see signage consistent throughout the park. Even using color coding for safety. Vickie said that is presently being worked on with the master plan. Federal and International signage is usually brown and white and they have preprinted signing that could be easily ordered. He voiced concern about the 2 roads that are going to be closed that we make sure what the traffic is on those roads presently. Parking around the Frosty Drew needs to be looked at more carefully.
- Charlie Vandemoer repeats need for signage and again wants uniformity. That they be low maintenance and durable. He wants to make sure in the grassy strip areas that we consider “natives” like Switch Grass. He would like us to consider ending at dogpark. He feels that the “bikers” could infringe on the refuge.
- Julia Beasley voices concern about route from playground down to Frosty Drew. Feels for safety that the pathway should be moved out to parallel the road. Concern for saving the open green space in that area was also voiced. Julia did update the group that Park and Rec are forming a committee to plot out walking trails and that she would like to work collaboratively. They meet 11/16 4:30 pm.
- Christina Pereira concludes that the whole part of the trail from the playground to Frosty Drew needs careful scrutiny and may need some revision.

#### 5. NEXT STEP

Faith Labossiere –we need to take all this information back to the whole AHBPC and review the information. Plan to get out and walk the pathway to really see where everything is and what corrections could then be taken back to Bradford Associates.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT 10 AM