

BICYCLE PATHWAY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES 12/17/14 7PM
ANNEX ROOM
CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL 4540 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL CHARLESTOWN,RI

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Faith LaBossiere.

2. ROLL CALL

Faith LaBossiere Jen Hodshon Jen Demirs Pat Lyons Sherry Drude
Consultant Nancy Letendre Mason Associates
Also present Lorrie Kollitides Betty and Bill Wilson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Lyons motioned to accept minutes as amended from 11/19 and Jen Hodshon seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Correction-we met in the vault room.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Dick Horstmann has not gotten back to Faith in regards to Park and Rec. Pathway at Ninigret Park. (sidenote that Park and Rec are meeting tonight and may discuss this subject)
- b. Jen Hodshon DEM/Easements to White Cedar Swamp reports that not much headway has been made but she will continue to pursue. Talked about her walking from East Arnolda to West Arnolda through Ninigret Park and of all the trails already in place. It is her feeling that this would be a great place to start our Pathway.
- c. Pat Lyons found out that the old Firehouse was sold to the fire district and is rumored to be sold again. Town maybe interested for a Rec Center. Faith encouraged Pat to talk with the Town Administrator about this and our plan to tentatively use this area as a trail head for the Pathway. Faith will call Don Rathbone. Pat also was in touch with Steve McCandless and he is more than willing to help with GIS Mapping. He already shared a large map of Ninigret Park with Pat. Pat will continue to work 1:1 with Steve with aerials of area. Pat also spoke with Elaine Morgan and Blake Filippi and they both promised their support.
- d. Jen Demirs: did contact Blue Cross and South County Hospital. Need to continue to follow up and find more specific information in regards to grants recognition and sponsorship. Jen will also follow up with CVS.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Letendre, Mason Associates Comprehensive Plan Consultants will continue to work with town to put Pathways as a number one item on agenda for things to be done. She reported that state is saying they want Bicycle Pathways in Charlestown. She was interested in what the committee had done already and was going to continue with a persuasive argument that Pathways could increase vacation economy, tourist economy and village center development with mix use pocket parks and business development. All of the above will be discussed in February with a final meeting planned in May. The Studio Map from the planning office still needs to be found.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee will continue to meet the third Wednesday in the Annex Room of the Town Hall at 7pm

- b. DOT Environmental Council meeting 2/12/15 at the State House II-12 Jen Hodshon will try to attend
- c. Research on surfaces for the Pathways: Faith will ask Jonathan Hammett to pursue this. Also suggested that David Smith from the Narragansett Pathway Committee could be contacted.
- d. Letter of support for re-appointment of DOT Michael Lewis will be written and sent to Governor Raimondo. Motion to submit letter was made by Jen Demirs and seconded by Jen Hodshon. All members were in favor.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. All members were reappointed to Ad Hoc Board
- b. Budget of \$ 5750 will be submitted to the town for the budget year 2016 Motion to accept budget made by Pat Lyons and seconded by Jen Hodshon . All in favor at meeting.
- c. Areas of research
 - 1. Pat will work with Steve McCandless regarding trail at Ninigret Park
 - 2. The committee pretty much agrees that the easiest place to start may be Ninigret Park
 - 3. The letter of support from the Town Council received 11/10/14 was distributed to all Committee members. This is helpful as the BPAH Committee members are working with Town Departments

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Wison volunteered to be part of this AD HOC Committee. Faith explained process.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA TO JENNEFER HODSHON CC'D to FAITH BY THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING --- BY 1/14/15

10. NEXT MEETING 1/21/15 7PM

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:45PM

Motion to adjourn made by Jen Hodshon and seconded by Pat Lyons