

Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee

Draft Minutes 04/15/2015 7:00pm

Annex Conference Room

Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Faith Labossiere. Bill Wilson motioned to accept the minutes from 03/18/2015 meeting and Jen Hodshon seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present at the meeting were Faith Labossiere, Jennifer Hodshon, Jennifer Demirs, Jonathan Hammett, Annie Campbell, Patrice Fenton, Bill Wilson. Absent were Pat Lyons and Sherry Drude. Also present Tom Gentz.

3. COMMUNICATION

a. Tom Gentz is the Town Council President and liaison to the Bike Path Committee. Tom will bring our ideas to the Town Council as requested by our President Faith Labossiere.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT:

a. Patrice Fenton report's on Pat's behalf. Pat provided a larger map of the potential Bike Path in Ninigret Park as requested from last meeting. Patrice explained the green lines are the walking paths and the blue lines are for Bike Path. There are areas in the green that are in disrepair, and possibly if paved could be used for Bike Path. This Map does fit into the Master Plan. The committee asked Tom if he feels this Map size is appropriate for our presentation and he feels it is.

b. Faith researched the bollards that will be needed and states they are \$65.00 and they are not difficult to install. Faith asked Alan Arsenault a question about maintenance costs and Alan states at this time he doesn't feel he has the time to go over this. The committee discussed this and it wasn't felt that there would be much maintenance in the winter months because they already plow. This will be further discussed at a later date.

c. Bill Wilson was asked by Faith to research the Rt1 To Rt 1A loop from the Chamber of Commerce to the South Shore Mental Health Facility, as well as identify property owners. Bill walked this loop and discussed his findings.

d. An interesting finding is the Fiore's who own the gravel pit were not aware that a potential bike path was going through their Gravel Pit, no one had ever asked them.

e. There was talk of paving that is supposed to happen from the Chamber of Commerce to South Kingstown. The plan is not finalized, but we may be able view the plan once it is finalized. Faith can check on that with Tom Gentz.

f. Rumble strips and Chevron's were discussed and it was suggested to speak with cyclists to see how they feel about them. Patrice volunteered to speak with the Narragansett Wheelman.

g. Ninigret Park is our starting point, but talking about the bigger picture Faith states we will have to contact Property owners. What is the correct way to do this?

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sarah Bradford suggested to take our plans and speak with Jane Weidman. Sarah also suggests getting DOT Traffic Engineer involved or hire a private engineer. We can try and get grants to help fund this.

- b. The financial aspect of this project is tough, a few ideas were suggested.
Friends of Ninigret Park is available.
Speak with National Grid
Faith will speak to National Center for Biking and Walking for suggestions.

- c. Promotional ideas to get the word out to the community; think about Parade participation.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jen Hodshon's Power Point Presentation for the May 11, 2015 TCM shown and discussed. Modifications were discussed. It was suggested larger font. Get laser pointer for presentation, put sticky notes on larger map for presentation. Jen will make changes for the presentation.
- b. Make sure Amy has all maps in our presentation packet 10 days prior to meeting.
- c. All should be present for Town Council Meeting presentation May 11th 7:00pm.

7. NEXT MEETING 05/20/2015 7:00pm

8. Adjourn 8:15pm

Motion to adjourn made by Faith Labossiere seconded by Jennifer Demirs