

Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee
Final Minutes 8/26/15
Annex Conference Room
Charlestown Town Hall 4540 South County Trail Charlestown RI

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Faith LaBossiere.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting Sherry Drude, Faith LaBossiere, Pat Lyons, Jen Hodshon, Jen Demirs and Bill Wilson. Absent were Annie Campbell Patricia Fenton and Jonathon Hammett

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15 2015

Not approved due to the minutes not being brought to the meeting. This will be done at the next meeting.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Responses from Bradford Associates and Weston & Sampson have been sent to all committee persons for review
- b. Quarterly Report: Healthy Places by Design from Karen Votava, SK document #1 reviewed
- c. Sen. Jack Reed Bill S 705 funding for pathways discussed
- d. Mark Plotz: National Center for Bicycling and Walking:bikeway.org document #2 reviewed
- e. Charlestown Police Dept: Title 31 RI General Laws regarding Pedestrians and Bicycles document #3 reviewed. Discussion surrounding the fact that pedestrians accepted to have right of way in RI with motor traffic but not clearly defined.
- f. P&R Commission: Explore 5k Multiuse Pathway in Ninigret Park. Discussion surrounding the possibility that the P&R Commission is talking about expanding our idea.

5. GUESTS

Tom Gentz: Town Council rep unable to attend
Alex Kroge-Grabbe: director ribike.org unable to attend

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Jennifer Hodshon: Aug. 13 RIDOT Environmental Council report. Jen reported that much talk about money for repair on bridges in the state with little funding for pathways. Jen did speak with Steve Devine and was approached about Ninigret Park being the site of a Bike Safety Day. The Committee was very much in favor of this but think the spring would be the best time to host this. Jen is going to speak further with Steve and find out exactly what it installs and discuss a date.
- b. Jonathon Hammett : Power Line Row not present. We will discuss this in the future.
- c. Faith LaBossiere P&R 6/25/15 meeting report. Faith reported that discussion about the Ninigret Park Fund monies from large events and other fees might be combined. The commission members numbering 13 were asked what would be their number one priority for picking one area of improvement and 8 chose pathways. There is a workshop on Monday night that Faith would like all to attend.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Review of RFP: all committee members had a chance to review the online bids of Bradford Associates and Weston & Sampson online prior to our meeting. After much discussion the AD Hoc Bicycle Pathway Committee made a motion to make a recommendation to the Town Council to invite Bradford Associates to come in for an interview for the contract on the Ninigret Park Bicycle Pathway. The motion was made by Pat Lyons and seconded by Bill Wilson and all members were in favor.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Much discussion of ways to make our roadways safer until the day we have more pathways in our community. After brainstorming ideas a motion was made by Jen Hodshon and seconded by Jen Demirs to have Faith LaBossiere bring our ideas to the Town Council. All present in favor.

- a. Enlist police and public works
- b. Signage especially on the 3 beach roads. West Beach has a “share the road “ sign but this could be added to East Beach and Charlestown Beach. Electric neon sign that could be programmed to say “share the road” or “complete street” “car bike pedestrians” and could be moved to a different area of town depending on need for safety
- c. Marking roads with stick figures and bicycle icons and chevrons
- d. Local brokers could had out “rules of the road” to renters from out of town

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT meeting

- a. Committee members should submit one week prior to next meeting

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS—NONE

11. NEXT MEETING: Sept. 16, 2015 7 pm Annex Conf. room

12. ADJOURNMENT 8:20

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 by Bill Wilson and seconded by Jen Demirs

Submitted by:
Sherry Drude Secretary
9/11/15