

Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee
Final Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2014- 11:00am
Town Council Chambers
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, Rhode Island

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY:

Members initially discussed a postponement of the election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary until a full complement of the committee was present. Then Richard Horstmann motioned to nominate Faith LaBossiere as Chair. Annie Campbell seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Elections of the Vice-Chair and Secretary positions will take place at the next meeting.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS:

Members discussed their availability of days and times to meet. Faith LaBossiere shared how she has used Doodlepoll as an online tool to help coordinate best meeting times. The members discussed limiting meetings to an hour or less, and meeting once per month.

5. AREAS OF RESEARCH AND REVIEW OF MAPS:

Members reviewed maps and materials from previous studies including:

- Statewide Bicycle System Plan (1992)
- Rt 1 Corridor Study, Charlestown (2007)
- East Coast Greenway, Rhode Island (2008)

Faith LaBossiere mentioned the importance of making contacts with other local bike groups such as the group responsible for establishing the South County Bike Path (William C. O'Neill Bike Path) and the Westerly Bike Path Committee. Faith added that Fred DeGrowth, member of the Westerly Bike Path Committee, encouraged this committee to solicit public awareness and involvement. Faith shared a draft of a press article she had previously written, which was then edited by members Annie Campbell and Richard Horstmann. The article began with a brief overview of the efforts of the newly formed Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee included the benefits a community pathway would have in Charlestown. It encouraged interested members of the public to attend the meetings or contact Faith for more information. The article would be presented to the Charlestown Press and Westerly Sun.

Committee members also identified other groups or individuals who may be interested in the efforts of this Committee including:

- Members of the Town Council
- Charlestown Land Trust
- CCA Charlestown Citizens Alliance
- Charlestown Parks and Recreation
- Local politicians

- Westerly Bike Path
- South County Bike Path

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE- Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall's Council Chambers, 4540 South County Trail

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Richard Horstmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:00pm. Annie Campbell seconded the motion. Faith LaBossiere was also in favor.

By Annie Campbell Acting Secretary 10/16/2014