Town Administrator’s Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022

(Held in the Pocasset Community Building)

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll, Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons; and Mary Jane Mastrangelo

(Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: George Slade; Wayne and Lydia Manter (in attendance until 6:25 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public Comment: Mr. and Ms. Manter expressed interest in the design plan for the portion of the trail near Hope Spring (named for Charles Hope), a historic landmark adjoining the embankment of the existing Falmouth Secondary track. Mr. McPherson indicated that he would ask Timothy Lydon with the town of Bourne to reach out to Mr. and Ms. Manter.

Approval of the minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee’s May 11, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Emmons, and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion passed, 4-0, with Ms. Mastrangelo abstaining.

Discussion of Phase 4 public information session: Several members expressed their pleasure with the information session, noting that it was well attended and that both Mr. Lydon and VHB’s representative, Marissa DeCarlo, did an excellent job.

Updates on design work regarding Phases 1, 2 and 4: Mr. McPherson reported that the 75% design of Phase 1, as well as the 25% design of Phase 4, are intended to be submitted by VHB to MassDOT in July. VHB has been ready to submit for some time; however, MassDOT has not wanted the submission to this point because complying with the mandated response time would have been difficult. There was nothing to report with respect to Phase 2. Mr. McPherson reported that the town of Bourne submitted a joint application with the town of Falmouth for CPC funds in the amount of approximately $495,000 for work on the Shining Sea Bikeway Extension and Phase 4 of the Bourne Rail Trail.

Discussion of Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program: The committee members discussed an application for construction funds for Phase 4 of the Bourne Rail Trail. A motion was made by Mr. Cheitlin and seconded by Mr. Emmons to recommend that the town reach out to the Cape Cod Commission to discuss applying for a grant from the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The motion passed 5-0.
Discussion of committee structure: Ms. Mastrangelo was acknowledged and welcomed as the new representative of the Board of Selectmen to the committee, replacing George Slade. Mr. Slade indicated that he will be applying to serve as an “at large” member of the committee, a proposition that was very well received by the committee.

Future meeting dates: August 10, 2022, and September 14, each at 6:00 p.m. at locations TBD. (No meeting in July 2022.)

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Emmons, seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote of the members on August 10, 2022.