

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway  
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2023**

**(Held as an in-person meeting at Bourne Veterans' Memorial Community Center, Room 1)**

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

(Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: David Vieira; Timothy Lydon; Paul Gately; Robert Hochschild; and three unidentified members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public Comment: None

Discussion of committee report and proposed resolution to Bourne Select Board: Mr. McPherson noted that the report presented to the Bourne Select Board summarized our committee's work over the past five years. Mr. McPherson read the proposed resolution, which was then moved by Mr. Cheitlin and seconded by Mr. Emmons. Discussion followed, with Mr. McPherson providing background and noting that due to the work of the Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail, and the efforts of Tom Cahir and the CCRTA, federal funding is now in hand to build a "rail-to-trail" pathway. Mr. Vieira noted that this ARPA funding, in the amount of \$20 million, is available to expedite the construction of the BRT, and advised that this is the time to pivot to rail-to-trail so we can move quickly. Ms. Mastrangelo pointed out that she had seen nothing in writing confirming that the funding is in hand. The motion (below) was then approved by a vote of 5-0, with Ms. Mastrangelo abstaining.

*RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator's Advisory Committee for Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway hereby recommends to the Select Board of the town of Bourne that the funding being made available by the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority to create a rail-to-trail pathway for bicycle and pedestrian use in place of the so-called Falmouth Secondary rail line be used as expeditiously as possible, and that the Select Board of the town of Bourne pass its own resolution to this effect.*

Updates on Phases 1, 2 and 4: Mr. Lydon reported that Phase 1 design is expected to be at 100% this year but that it looks unlikely that we will be able to advance the construction date from 2025 to 2024; that bridge studies are still needed to advance Phase 2 to 25% design; and that, with respect to Phase 4, a restated contract with VHB is underway that calls for the gathering of information useable for either a rail-to-trail or rail-with-trail design.

Future meeting date: March 8, 2023, if needed (proved unnecessary); otherwise TBD

*Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

*These Minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote of the members on April 12, 2023.*

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