

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

(Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)

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: Timothy Lydon; Marlene McCollem; Michael Rausch; and Matt Silvia

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mr. McPherson. Mr. Rausch identified himself as recording the meeting.

Public comment: None

Approval of minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's May 24, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Carroll, and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed 6-0.*

Update and discussion of Phase 1: 100% design submittal is expected in January 2024. At that point, a request to advance construction from 2025 to 2024 can be made. The NOI is expected to be submitted in the first week of August. A few temporary easements will be needed for construction.

Update and discussion of Phases 2 and 4: No activity since the last meeting.

Discussion of Rail to Trail approach: Mr. Cheitlin indicated that the Friends were trying to arrange a meeting with the Lt. Governor to discuss the pivot to rail-to-trail. Senator Moran is fully on board and working to arrange that meeting. The license agreement between the Commonwealth and Mass Coastal for various rail lines, including the Falmouth Secondary, is due to expire at the end of 2023. Presumably a renewal is underway and it was suggested that perhaps the Falmouth Secondary could be removed or a right for removal included. Ms. Mastrangelo encouraged a cost analysis of the benefits of the BRT and pointed out that the cost of rail-with-trail is estimated at \$80 million to the Commonwealth vs. \$0 if built as rail-to-trail thanks to the federal funding arranged by the CCRTA.

Discussion of Canal Bridges advisory committee: A meeting is scheduled for September.

Discussion of upcoming transportation meetings and hearings: In the week of July 10, the Cape Cod Commission will host two in person meetings and one virtual meeting to discuss the Regional Transportation Plan. Members of the committee were encouraged to attend.

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Discussion of committee makeup: The committee expressed interest in adding Mathew Silvia as a member. Ms. McCollem was charged with asking the school committee to “return” its designated seat to create an opening. Committee members were advised to get re-sworn in by the time of the next meeting.

Future meeting date: August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bourne Veterans’ Memorial Community Center, Room 1.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Mastrangelo. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote of the members on August 16, 2023.

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