

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway  
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

**(Held as a Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)**

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

(Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: Timothy Lydon; Patricia Domigan (VHB); Michael Rausch; and more than twenty members of the public residing in Cataumet

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public Comment: The following members of the public, all Cataumet residents, spoke about Phase 4 of the project: Mike Lipchak, Christine Sullivan, Stephen Sullivan, Jane Hurter (president of the Cataumet Civic Association), Jeff Howard, Andrea York, and Jonathan Gitlin. Their comments related to safety concerns with respect to a trail alongside the rail, and parking and congestion at the Cataumet Post Office, where all Cataumet residents must go to pick up their mail. Mr. McPherson informed the members of the public in attendance that there was a public information session held with respect to Phase 4 on May 11, and that the committee will hold an additional public information session down the road, long before anything is finalized with respect to the design of Phase 4.

Approval of the minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's August 10, 2022 meeting (with the addition of the URL for the agendas and minutes of the committee's meetings on the town's website) was made by Mr. Carroll, and seconded by Mr. Emmons. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.*

Discussion with VHB regarding design work and Updates on design work regarding Phases 1, 2 and 4: Patricia Domigan of VHB discussed the status of Phase 1 and 4. Phase 1 is at the 75% design stage and VHB expects to submit the 75% design on or before October 7. It is further expected that the 100% design will be submitted in January 2023. The environmental permitting process also needs to begin, as there are three permits that must be filed while waiting for MassDOT's comments on the 75% design. The "schedule will be fluid," according to Ms. Domigan. MassDOT has previously requested submission delays to accommodate MassDOT's schedule and mandatory response requirements. Phase 4 is in the planning phase. Nothing about the Phase 4 design is cast in stone at this point. This past April, VHB made a pre-submittal to MassDOT with respect to Phase 4. Comments were received at a meeting with MassDOT on September 7. VHB is in the process of responding to those comments and hoping to submit the 25% design by the end of October. Public input will follow by way of a design public hearing hosted by MassDOT. There was no discussion of Phase 2.

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Proposed future meeting dates: Following discussion, the committee's next meeting was scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at a location TBD.

*Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Emmons. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

*These Minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote of the members on October 12, 2022.*

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