

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway**

**Meeting of Wednesday, June 7, 2018**

**Bourne High School – Professional Library**

Attendees: John Carroll, David McPherson, George Slade

Town Administrator: Tom Guerino

Attendee by phone: Ken Cheitlin

Mark Emmons - excused

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Tom Guerino

2. Election of Officers:

George Slade nominated David McPherson as Chair, second by John Carroll; nominations closed; Vote was unanimous;

George Slade nominated John Carroll as Vice Chair, second by Dave McPherson; nominations closed; Vote was unanimous;

John Carroll nominated Ken Cheitlin as Clerk, second by George Slade; nominations closed; vote was deferred until Mr. Cheitlin returns.

3. No public comment

4. Project Need Form (PNF) regarding the submission to extend the Shining Sea Bike Trail to the Cape Cod Canal Bike Path in Bourne – status is that it has been received and acknowledged by Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT); a response from District Highway Director Mary-Joe Perry at Mass DOT. The PNF and Project Initiation Form data has been forwarded to Cape Cod Commission Transportation Planner David Nolan for processing. Account credentials will be issued for continued reference. Funding is being sought via an Environmental Bond Bill being submitted by State Representative David Vieira, for about \$1.3 million.

Ms. Carla Emmons, attendee, asked some general questions about the process of securing funding.

5. June 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting with Mass DOT – The Committee attendees Mr. McPherson and Mr. Slade discussed their observations from the bus tour. Nate Robinson, Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail, welcomed all, announced the purpose of the tour and what it hoped to accomplish. Besides Representative Vieira, other attendees were Mass DOT Project Manager Michael Trepanier (and staff), Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Administrator Thomas Cahir, Bourne Assistant

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Town Administrator Glenn Cannon, members of both the Shining Sea Bikeways Committee and friends of the Bourne Rail Trail. Several railroad crossing points along the 6.5 mile way were sites where discussions by the Mass DOT staff took place. At the end of the tour, Mass DOT felt confident that they could get answers to engineering and crossing issues with regard to rights of way, wetlands, protection, etc. It was a unique opportunity to have a large group of stakeholders along with other Upper Cape officials, see firsthand, the potential link from Shining Sea to the Rail Road Bridge. The tour lasted 2.5 hours.

Ms. Emmons confirmed the two locations where the rail bed crosses underneath road bridges along the proposed pathway that were listed in the Project Need Form.

6. Future Action Steps – Mr. Slade has agreed to contact the Community Preservation Committee to let request funding to demonstrate local commitment for this project. Boston Architectural College students (or their professor) will present their findings and recommendations resulting from the project that they took on during the past year.

7. Next Meeting – June 21 - send agenda ideas/requests to Chair

8. Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Slade. Unanimous approval at 7:10 pm

*These Minutes were approved unanimously by vote of the Members on July 19, 2018.*