

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

Pocasset Community Building

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll, Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons; George Slade (Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: Glenn Cannon; Michael Rausch; Paul Gately

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.
2. Public comment: There were no public comments.
3. Approval of the minutes from April 17, 2019: Postponed to the next meeting.
4. Discussion of the May 1, 2019 Public Informational Session: As reported to the Committee members who were present at the session, reaction of attendees was generally positive, with good questions and concerns raised. There were some opponents amongst the approximately 65 attendees. It was estimated that roughly 1/3 of the attendees were from Gray Gables. Options for screening of abutters' properties along the Yarmouth Extension were discussed (stockade fence, split rail fence, vegetation). It was suggested that future meetings should include presentation of some research concerning crime statistics associated with rail trails.
5. Discussion of Phase 1 work by VHB: Mr. Cannon reported that the design work was underway, with a goal to present a design to MassDOT by the end of September. That design would be expected to be delivered to the town a week or two in advance of that deadline. The design will conform to MassDOT requirements and will not include any "extras," such as viewing platforms, benches, or the like, which will likely require other funding sources.
6. Discussion relative to possible meeting with Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR): There is a meeting with DCR tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2019. Mr. Cannon will advise the Committee members of the meeting details and/or any rescheduling of the date, and it is anticipated that a couple members of the Committee would attend the meeting along with Mr. Cannon. The agenda for the meeting will be set by DCR and is likely to include discussion of the funds allocated in the Environmental Bond Bill, other funding sources, and ongoing maintenance by DCR of the trail when constructed.
7. Report on the May 20, 2019 Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting: Both the inclusion of the first phase of the Bourne Rail Trail in the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Cape Cod Commission's planned study of bikeways and pedestrian paths in the town of Bourne, were approved at the meeting. It was agreed that Mr. McPherson would invite the appropriate Commission personnel to the Committee's next meeting

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to discuss the manner of proceeding with the study, including ways in which we might supplement their data gathering.

8. Other updates on Phases 1 and 2: There was discussion of seeking additional CPC funding for design of the trail at the September Town Meeting. That would presumably lead to efforts to include phases subsequent to phase one in the TIP. Mr. McPherson will contact Thomas Guerino, Barry Johnson, and Mary Ann Mastrangelo concerning our desire to appear before the Board of Selectmen, the CPC, and the Finance Committee to provide brief updates on the use of the initial CPC funding. Hopefully, we will have a decision by then on the town's application for design funding to the MassTrails program. Mr. Cannon will look into the status of the town's application to MassDOT for a project number for Phase 2 of the Bourne Rail Trail.

9. Next meetings: Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm.; and Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.; in each case at the Pocasset Community Building, for the next regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee.

10. Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cheitlin, seconded by Mr. Carroll, and passed unanimously, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote of the Members on June 26, 2019.