

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway  
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

**(Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)**

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

Others in Attendance: Timothy Lydon; Glenn Cannon; Patricia Domigan; Judith Froman; Nathaniel Robinson; 54 other members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Community Information Session: Mr. McPherson introduced the other four members of the Committee, Mr. Lydon (town of Bourne), and Ms. Domigan (VHB), and described the purpose and plan for the public information session. Ms Domigan then presented the 25% design of Phase 1 of the proposed Bourne Rail Trail. Members of the Committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of Ms. Domigan, following which Mr. McPherson moderated public comment and questions. Among those comments and questions were the following: permitting issues, particularly with the boardwalk, given permanent impacts to the wetlands; widening the trail, where possible, to greater than the proposed 10 feet; need for temporary and permanent easements; responsibility for maintenance of the trail; ensuring security and privacy for abutters; possibility of using porous asphalt in construction of the trail; plans for parking and related signage; requirement and options for fencing, including alternatives to chain link; effect of fencing on beach access and view; timing for MassDOT review, completion of design of Phase 1, and construction; and the primacy of the public's presumed significant use of the rail trail over the limited utility of the right of way for rail uses.

Future meeting dates: July 15, 2020, August 19, 2020, and September 16, 2020, each at 6:00 p.m., at the Pocasset Community Building or as a Zoom remote public access meeting, depending on the state of pandemic-related restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

*These Minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote of the Members on July 15, 2020.*

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