

**Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

(Zoom Remote Public Access Meeting)

Members in Attendance: David McPherson, Chair; John Carroll (joined at 6:19 pm), Vice Chair; Ken Cheitlin, Clerk; Mark Emmons (departed at 6:54 pm); and George Slade (joined at 6:24 pm) (Members absent: none)

Others in Attendance: Timothy Lydon; Trish Domigan; and David Nolan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's January 20, 2021 meeting, was made by Mr. Emmons and seconded by Mr. McPherson. The motion passed, 3-0.*

Discussion of Complete Streets meeting by Cape Cod Commission, Feb. 24: Mr. Nolan went over the plan for the upcoming public meeting, postponed from the year prior due to the pandemic. After the Commission's presentation, there will be brainstorming sessions in breakout rooms staffed by Commission personnel. It is hoped that each room will also be attended by a member of the Committee. A public comment period will begin with the meeting and end on March 21, 2021.

Update on 2021 MassTrails Grant application: The application was filed on Feb. 1, 2021. Mr. McPherson thanked Mr. Lydon for his efforts in putting together and filing the application. The request was made for funding in the amount of \$277,610 to be used to take Phase 1 design to 100% and Phase 4 design to 25%.

Updates on design work: Phases 1, 2 and 4: Ms. Domigan discussed progress made on these phases. Phase 1 was described as "a little bit challenging," as MassDOT appears to be "cutting their teeth" on this project. They have revisited and changed or imposed new requirements several times, including asking for upgrades to the rail corridor as a quid pro quo for the rail with trail. Following a meeting between interested parties, Ms. Domigan expressed confidence that the process will be considerably smoother going forward. A public hearing on the 25% design of Phase 1 is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2021, that will open a 30-day public comment period. In Phase 2, Ms. Domigan indicated there were areas where it will not be possible to meet the 18' offset requirement being imposed by MassDOT. The PNF for Phase 4, that was submitted jointly with Falmouth to include the extension of the Shining Sea Bikeway, was approved, and a project number should be issued shortly. Mr. Cheitlin suggested it was time to revisit the possibility of removing the track, with rail to trail being the only realistic approach to creation of the BRT, both from the perspective of cost and time. With two other Committee members in agreement, Mr. Emmons suggested discussion of this idea be an agenda item for the

2021 MAR 22 AM 9:08
TOWN CLERK BOURNE

RECEIVED

Committee's next meeting. Mr. McPherson expressed his opinion that we should continue with the rail *with* trail design of Phase 1, but suggested it was time to meet with and enlist the assistance of Representative David Vieira and Senator Susan Moran to move the project along. Ms. Domigan concurred.

Update on Commission on Disabilities: Mr. McPherson reported that the meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 21, 2021, had been postponed to Feb. 18, 2021. Messrs. Lydon and McPherson plan to attend the rescheduled meeting.

Future meeting dates: March 17, 2021, April 21, 2021, and May 19, 2021, 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.

Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cheitlin, seconded by Mr. Carroll, and passed, 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk

These Minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote of the Members on March 17, 2021.