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Town Administrator's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway

Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Pocasset Village Community Center

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

Others in Attendance: Glenn Cannon; Paul Gately; Nathan Robinson

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mr. McPherson.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Approval of the minutes from November 28, 2018: *A motion to approve said minutes was made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Slade. The minutes were approved unanimously.*
4. MassDOT Project Number update: Mr. Cannon reported that MassDOT's Project Review Committee met the first week of December and approved the Bourne Rail Trail Construction (Phase 1) project, assigning it project number 609262. In light of the plan to obtain funding for design of Phase 2 of the project, the Committee members suggested that, prior to submission of the MassTrails grant application, a project notification form be submitted to MassDOT in order to obtain approval of and a project number for Phase 2 of the project. Mr. Cannon further reported on an invitation for this Committee to make a presentation about the project at the meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee on February 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Barnstable. The members agreed to accept that invitation.
5. Discussion relative to potential MassTrails grant application: Mr. McPherson summarized his and Mr. Cheitlin's meeting with Representative David Vieira on November 30, 2018. Representative Vieira indicated his enthusiastic support for the town's intended application for a MassTrails grant. The Committee members then discussed the sections of the MassTrails application drafted by various members and agreed that all suggested revisions would be submitted to Mr. Emmons by December 19, 2018. Mr. Emmons reported that Amanda Lewis, MassTrails Program Manager at the DCR, had extended an invitation to meet with her on January 2, 2019 in Boston to discuss the town's application. It was agreed that Mr. Cannon and other appropriate town officials would review the draft application prior to the meeting with Ms. Lewis. Mr. Cheitlin then reported on his December 7, 2018 meeting with representatives of the Falmouth Bikeways Committee and the Friends of the Falmouth Bikeway concerning their support of Bourne's MassTrails grant application. Mr. McPherson then reported on his discussion with representatives of the town of Sandwich about their plans for a trail through Sandwich Center.

6. Discussion with a representative of the Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail (FBRT): The meeting was joined by Nathan Robinson, President of the FRBT. Discussion followed about the advantages of the FRBT (as co-applicant) joining the town of Bourne (the lead applicant) on the application for the MassTrails grant. *Mr. Cheitlin moved that the town be advised to extend an invitation to the FBRT to be a co-applicant for the MassTrails Program funding request. Seconded by Mr. Emmons, the motion passed unanimously.*

7. Discussion relative to requesting a town-wide bicycle and pedestrian study from the Cape Cod Commission: The members agreed that such a study, which would presumably include considering ways to cross-connect the Cape wide perimeter network of trails, would be extremely beneficial. *Mr. Cheitlin moved, with a second by Mr. Emmons, that the town be asked to send a letter to the Cape Cod Commission requesting a town-wide bicycle and pedestrian study be put on the Commission's schedule as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.*

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pocasset Village Community Center.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cheitlin, Clerk