

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 @ 3:00 PM
OPEN MEETING- TOWN HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM
- b. Roll Call
 - i. Present:
 - Faith LaBossiere
 - Melanie Champion
 - Bill Wilson
 - ii. Not present:
 - Lynn Varadian
 - Phil Moreschi

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THURSDAY JULY 20, 2023

- a. Melanie noted under Old Business, Item E, the date for the Town Council Workshop should read August 21, 2023.
- b. Motion made by Bill to approve Minutes as corrected.
- c. 2nd by Faith
- d. Unanimous approval

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

- a. No public attended

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- a. Faith stated that she has a conflict for the September 2023 meeting. September 28th has been proposed as an alternative. Faith, Bill and Melanie indicated that they would be able to attend, constituting a quorum. There is also a potential issue with the December meeting date; this will be addressed at the October meeting.
- b. Faith received correspondence from “Paths to Progress”, a statewide cycling advocacy group that has recently regrouped. They intend to ask Eric Weis at DOT to consider quarterly meetings. Faith stated that if these occur, that our committee should participate.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of a Vice-Chair
 - i. Motion made by Bill to appoint Melanie Champion as Vice-Chair
 - ii. 2nd by Faith
 - iii. Unanimous approval
- b. August 21, 2023 7:00 PM Workshop “Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Possible Modifications to Charlestown Beach Rd, beginning at the Intersection of Charlestown Beach Rd and Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd, to Provide for Safe Walking/Biking Travel, to Include Discussion of Traffic Data, Traffic Patterns and Potential Stop Signs”

- i. Workshop has been changed to a Special Meeting and re-scheduled to October 16, 2023 at 6:00 at Town Hall.
 - ii. Committee members Bill and Phil to attend.
 - iii. The committee reviewed the survey map of Charlestown Beach Rd. and ideas that we want to address at the Special Meeting. Faith will collate these for further discussion at the September meeting.
 - iv. Traymore St. ROW to Ocean Ridge- this may be included in the list of ideas to discuss at the Special Meeting.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Letter to Rep. Spears and Sen. Gu- Tabled to the September meeting.
 - b. Revised signage (Bill)- Tabled to the September meeting.
7. NEXT BISB MEETING (TENTATIVE) September 28, 2023 3:00 Town Hall
8. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Champion