

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKE COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 18, 2025 4:00

OPEN MEETING TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4540 South County Trail

Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Melanie Champion 4:03 PM

B. Roll Call

I. Present: Melanie Champion, Janet Conte, Claire Dalidowitz, Phil Moreschi, Lynn Varadian,

II. Absent: Joan Twardy, Joan Pavlinsky

III. Guests: Joe D (SK Bike Committee) 4:04

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 20, 2025 4:00

A. Motion to approve by Phil, second by Claire, Minutes unanimously approved.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of RTA application

1. Phil reached out to Hannah Dilillo/Jeff Allen for status of application and no word as of yet. Next steps would be to pursue earmark federal funds. Phil asked for a meeting with Sheldon Whitehouse office (Nina Pistachio) and a discussion about a possible date in January for further discussion.

B. Status of signage on Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd and Charlestown Beach Rd.

1. Bill Wilson and Phil forwarded signage documents to Melanie. 2 signs are approved for Matunuck Schoolhouse Rd. Future consideration will be given for Charlestown Beach Rd.

C. Update on extension of O'Neill Bikepath in Narragansett

1. Melanie sent the Charlestown approved letter to the Town Council of Narragansett in favor of the extension of the Narragansett Bikepath. The Narragansett Town Council amended the original proposal to change the route. The Motion was approved and read as follows:

"H. TOWN COUNCIL

H.1. A MOTION TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE the final route for completion of the William C. O'Neill Bike Path.

AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE KINGSTOWN ROAD ROUTE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CASWELL STREET TO GET THERE TRAVEL BEHIND SPRAGUE POND, BATTING CAGES AND TROUGH ADJACENT PARK AND/OR OVER THE BROOK AND AROUND TO THE INDIAN MONUMENT AREA

(Motion-K/ Durkin/Second D. Vignall; Vote: 3-2, A. Menzies and R. Torrealday opposed)

12/15/25"

D. 250 th Celebration Ride

1. Claire reports 12/12/25 meeting with Pam Lyons added two stops, Historical Society building and Ocean House Marina. They will meet again in January to review dialogue. Microphone voice amplification was discussed, Melanie will reach out to Park and Rec for funding. Lynn suggested a resource for Fort Ninigret information.

E. Additional Comments:

1. Lynn reported on the Westerly Platform progress and public meetings were given positive and enthusiastic responses, Phil viewed a webinar and added comments.

2. Claire noted that there is currently no public transportation available in Charlestown

7. **NEXT BISB MEETING** January 15, 2026 4:00 Annex Conference Room

8. **ADJOURNMENT** 4:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Conte

