

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2025 4:00 PM
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 Faith LaBossiere at 4:05 PM

B. Roll Call:

- i. Present: Melanie Champion, Claire Dalidowitz, Faith LaBossiere, Lynn Varadian
Phil Moreschi
- ii. Absent: Joan Twardy
- iii. Guests: Janet Conte, Bill Wilson, Alex Berardo

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 15, 2025 4:00

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

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A. Faith made a motion to change the order of the agenda to move item 5D to 5A. Second by Claire; unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution from Sen. Gu

- i. Alex Berardo from State Senator Gu's office presented a draft Resolution that would be sent to the Town Council to express support for infrastructure improvements and commuter rail at the Westerly Train Station. Faith made a motion: "The BISBC endorses the resolution requesting Town Council support for infrastructure improvements and commuter rail at the Westerly Train Station." Second by Lynn; unanimous approval.

B. Report from chair Dorothy Hill SK Pedestrian and Cycle Advisory Committee

- i. Working with RIDOT on Rt 2 and 138 improvements for repaving up to Rt 108
- ii. SK Public Works have installed about a half dozen SHARE THE ROAD signs on Matunuck School House Rd, therefore PCAC will not ask for more signage. (Our thought to continue Full Use of the Lane on Matunuck School House)
- iii. NBX Casual Cafe Riders-Mondays 10:00; 10-12 MPH. Start Narragansett Community Center Sprague Park
- iv. Dorothy will ask committee if SK will lead the Community Bike Ride Oct 4, 2025

C. Report to Parks and Recreation Commission on BISB committee accomplishments and initiatives for their August 26th meeting.

- i. Faith will draft a summary to present at the July 14 TC Meeting.

D. RIDOT Diver License Handbook Report

- i. Faith summarized the sections of the handbook that pertain to cycling and pedestrians.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. King Tom Pond Bypass Trail -maps and communication to Town and RIDOT
 - i. Phil walked the committee through his plans for constructing a bike path along the King Tom Pond curve.
- B. Report on signage and pavement markings for Old Post Rd and Matunuck School House with Public Works Director Arsenault- *Tabled until the August Meeting.*
- C. Charlestown Beach and East Beach Roads -Pedestrian and cycle safety improvements (Faith contacted Chief Paliotta regarding these):
 - i. Signage permanent and seasonal (limit 15 characters) Suggested messages:
 - a. Walkers face traffic
 - b. 3-5' passing cyclists
 - c. Walkers have ROW
- D. Rt. 1 Village District Crossing- *Tabled until the August Meeting.*
- E. 250th Celebration- Joan and Claire are working on this.

7. NEXT BISB MEETING August 21, 2025 4:00pm

8. ADJOURNMENT: 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Champion