

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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
 - Present
 - Faith LaBossiere
 - Melanie Champion
 - Phil Moreschi
 - Bill Wilson
 - Not present:
 1. Lynn Varadian

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

- a. Motion made by Phil M. to Approve Minutes as provided
- b. Bill Wilson 2nd
- c. Discussion – Correct spelling of Vickie in Paragraph 4. To Vicky, also in New Business to Vicky
- d. Unanimous approval.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

- c. Joe Damon from South Kingstown and a member of Breachway Bikers, arrived at 4:10. Joe indicated that he spoke to Peter Aliviti this AM. Peter said that he would look into it within the next couple of weeks.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- A. People who have agreed to receive agenda:
1. Kenny Burke - South Kingstown Pedestrian and Cycle Advisory Committee
 2. Joe Damon - Breachway Bikers member (S. Kingstown)
 3. Margo Cook - Charlestown resident and cyclist (Resident but not voting)
 4. Bill Clarkin - Possible committee member
 5. Steve Miller - Charlestown resident and cyclist

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. May is Bike Month/collaboration with Breachway Bikers
1. Faith will attend their 1st week of December organizational meeting.
 2. Discuss Breachway Bikers leading a bike ride of approximately 10 miles on the Be Fit Trail. Leaving from the South Farm parking lot.
 3. Sunday morning – End with people being able to have a picnic at Farm.
- B. Report of RI Bicycle Coalition Annual Meeting

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1. Faith attended

- a. They are encouraging groups to work with local state rep. and senators.

C. Meeting Dates

- 3:00. 1. Phil Moreschi moves to schedule meetings in 2024 on the Third Thursday monthly at
3:00. 2. Melanie Champion 2nd.
3. Unanimous approval.
4. December meeting date moved to Thursday the 14th at 3 PM

D. RI Bicycle Coalition Board Member-Chris Menton research Patrolmen on Bikes

1. Chris Menton has researched cities and how successful police patrolman on bicycles were.
2. Is it appropriate to bring this to the attention of the Charlestown Chief of Police to see if this is something that they might think has value?
3. Faith will talk to Chris Menton to see where the value of police patrols on a bicycle could be and will develop a summary document.

E. Bicycle Route Signage Process

1. Phil & Bill explained the Teams meeting that they had with Eric Weis and Robin Marsh at the RIDOT (see attached meeting notes). Proposed Bicycle Route Signage Plan and Bicycle Route Suitability Report were reviewed with the Committee. It was agreed that minor edits will be made to these documents to ultimately be forwarded to the DOT for their review and comment.
2. Motion to Submit to DOT For Their Review and Comment the Proposed Bicycle Route Signage Plan and Bicycle Route Suitability Report for the proposed Charlestown Bicycle Route on Old Post Road (Route 1A) from the South Kingstown Town Line to Ninigret Park. Bicycle.
Melanie Champlin moves and Faith LaBossiere 2nd.
Unanimous approval.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion with Director Alviti via WPRO re: King Tom Pond (KTP) intersection

1. Joe spoke to Peter Alviti this AM. Peter said that within two weeks there would be bike signage.

B. Bike Route Signage-SK line to Ninigret Park-via Constituent Services RIDOT website

1. Had meeting with Eric & Robin so no need to do this yet.

C. Follow-up on recommendations to town for safety improvements to Charlestown Beach Rd.

1. Help the town identify obstacles and cost
2. Motion to forward Recommended Scope of Work for Bike & Pedestrian Improvements for Charlestown Beach Road dated October 24, 2023, to Steve McCandless for his use.
Bill Wilson moved, Phil Moreschi 2nd, unanimous approval.

D. Report on NIT Historian discussion on archaeological implications for KTP intersection work.

1. Lynn not here to report.

E. Report on conversation with Rep. Spears and Sen. Gu

1. Lynn not here to report.

7. NEXT BISB MEETING **NOTE**: changed date approved by committee

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A. December 14, 2023 3:00 PM Town Hall

B. Jan, Feb and Mar meetings chaired by vice-chair Melanie Champion

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 PM