

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 2023 @ 3:00 PM
OPEN MEETING- TOWN HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

In attendance: Bill Wilson, Ceil McCulloch, Lynn Varadian, Phil Moreschi
Absent: Faith LaBossiere, Thalia Wood

1. CALL TO ORDER 3:10 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES : NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Typographical Correction: change Weiss to Weis throughout
Phil & Lynn abstain since they hadn't attended that meeting
Bill moved to approve the minutes with "Weis" spelling correction, Ceil 2nd, All in favor, motion passed.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – Faith LaBossiere listening in to the meeting.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS Discussion and Possible Action:

A. BUDGET 2023-2024

Suggestion: \$500 for printing
\$1,900 mailing

Bill moved to adopt budget as proposed, Lynn 2nd, All in favor, motion passed.

B. Beach Roads Guidelines – Charlestown, East Beach and West Beach Roads.

Faith had developed a list of recommendations when on parks & rec committee, and provided it for discussion.

Bicycle safety on the beach roads is believed to be in the charge of the committee to research and identify measures to provide safe bicycle ways. Access to the beaches is one of the leading tenets of the Block Island Sound Bikeway.

Rules of The Road – For Electronic Distribution – Does Something Already Exist?

Rules of the Road - Pamphlet also good for to handout to renters.

Committee to review individually, prioritize and then discuss at next meeting.

Add as agenda item for next meeting

6. OLD BUSINESS Discussion and Possible Action

A. Coastal Town Contacts: Complete Thalia's Worksheet

Westerly – (Caswell Cook - Former Chamber of Commerce person who was instrumental in bike path development on Atlantic Ave.).

B. Report from Phil on meeting with Eric Weis

Showed Eric the DOT Suitable Roads for Cycling Map and showed Eric that the Route 1 Exit just North of King's Tom Pond is shown as a suitable for cycling on the DOT map, when in fact it needs safety improvements. How can DOT assist in making this section of the bike route safer?

Critical since it connects Post Road East (Downtown Charlestown) and Post Road West (Ninigret Park).

Eric indicated that there is a competitive State Traffic Improvement Program grant that the Town could apply for if they wished to pursue improvements to this short section.

C. Spring Meeting with Senator Victoria Gu, Representative Tina Spears and Senator Elaine Morgan

Faith had spoken to Tina Spears & had shared e-mail from Victoria who expressed interested with meeting with the Bike Committee. Faith had indicated she will reach out to Victoria.

D. South Kingston/Charlestown Trail Update

James Vogle & Darin Hamel – Still working on it but getting little support from S. Kingstown.

7. NEXT BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2023

8. ADJOURNMENT

Lynn motion, Phil 2nd, all in favor, motion passed and meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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