

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 3:10
- b. Roll Call
 - i. Present
 - 1. Faith LaBossiere
 - 2. Lynn Varadian
 - 3. Melanie Champion
 - 4. Bill Wilson
 - 5. Phil Moreschi

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

- a. Motion made by Bill
- b. Lynn 2nd
- c. Unanimous Approval

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

- a. Joe Damon – joseph.damon@gmail.com
 - i. Asked what are plans to make a larger biking organization?
- b. Brian Carroll – Attending as an interested member of the public.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

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5. NEW BUSINESS

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- b. Resurfacing of Rt. 1 and Project manager discussion, including ways to contact RIDOT
 - iv. Constituent Services
 - 1. (Bill & Faith met with the Supervising Engineer, Leo Boisclair, – Plans cannot be changed – suggested going to Constituent Services – Faith did get onto that DOT website to request mowing by DOT – coincidentally or not the DOT mowed the area within the guiderails along King Tom Curve.
 - 2. Faith & Phil visited the area last week
 - v. WPRO 99.7 Gene Valicenti discussion with Director Alviti 6:30-9:00 Thursdays.
 - 1. Leo Boisclair suggested calling into show and asking Director Alviti.
 - a. Faith did call in and started the conversation and then got cut off. Melanie indicated that she will call to continue the conversation with Director Alviti.
 - vi. News about Rt. 2 and Rt.1A Wickford Center to Sprague Bridge
 - 1. Leo Boisclair said that there will be signage on Route 2. As well as cycling icons in the shoulder pavement. Also resurfacing will occur on Route 1A (Old Post Road) in Wickford from Drawbridge to Sprague Bridge in Narragansett with signage and cycling icons in pavement.
- c. Renewing contact with SK Pedestrian and Cycle Advisory Committee re: Coastal Route
 - vii. Kenny Burke - Chair – Need to reach out on a regular basis to discuss status of individual Town Committee Activities - Faith will share agendas in e-mails on a regular basis to keep them informed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Recruiting letter - Sent to Westerly Sun, Breachway Bikers, Town Pipeline next issue, Charlestown Pipeline, CCA website.
- b. Mowing south side of guard rail at King Tom Pond (KTP) intersection-what next should be done? – Talked about this above in New Business.
- c. Signage approval for Rt. 1A Village center to Ninigret Park – Talked about this.
- d. Letter of invitation to Rep. Spears and Sen. Gu-when to send – Try to invite them to our meeting on the 16th. Lynn will try to invite them.
- e. Report on October 16 meeting on “Improvements to Safety on Charlestown Beach Road”. –
Develop a recommended scope of work for engineering feasibility study to share with Town.

7. NEXT BISB MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023

8. ADJOURNMENT

Faith moved to adjourn, Lynn

A VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED