

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 3:00 PM
OPEN MEETING- TOWN HALL- ANNEX CONFERENCE RM
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Faith Labossiere, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM

B. Roll Call

1. Present

- a) *Lynn Varadian*
- b) *Melanie Champion*
- c) *Phil Moreschi*
- d) *Bill Wilson*
- e) *Faith LaBossiere*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024 3:00 PM

A. Tabled until next meeting

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

A. No public comments. However Joe Damon, a resident of South Kingstown, arrived at 3:19 PM.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A. SK Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has a new chair Dorothy Hill

1. Dorothy & Faith spoke

B. Melanie will take on preparation of Meeting Minutes when she isn't chairing the meeting.

C. Faith will forward to the BISBC subcommittee members a copy of the recent Town Administrator e-mail to RIDOT requesting performance of the traffic investigation that was offered to be undertaken by RIDOT for the bike trail signage on Old Post Road.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Paths to Progress (RI Bicycle Coalition) relaunch meeting Wed. May 15, 5-7 1420 Broad St. Central Falls, 3rd fl

1. Faith invited the South Kingstown Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Committee to attend.

2. Faith showed a copy of the Smart Cycling Guide, RI Bicycle Coalition and said it was likely available on the coalitions website: RIBIKE.org

B. Develop greater alliance with South Kingstown

1. Faith & Dorothy Hill have agreed to share agendas

a. SK BPAC meetings are same evening as BISB, however they begin at 6PM.

2. The Charlestown BISBC can attend the South Kingstown BPAC meetings.

3. Revisit Signed Route along Matunuck School House Road, Moonstone Beach Road & Card's Pond C'town with SK

a. Suggest to SK that they leave out Moonstone Beach Road and Card Pond

Road and simply focus on Matunuck School House from Charlestown to Matunuck Beach Road.

4. C'town-SK Liaison

- a. Joe Damon, a resident of South Kingstown, has volunteered to offer to the South Kingstown BPAC to be their liaison to the Charlestown BISBC

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. May 4th Community Bike Ride - 9:00 AM South Farm 427 Old Coach Rd.
 1. Faith will attend the Town Council meeting 4/22 to announce the ride
 2. Routes for Community Bike Ride will generally follow the Be Fit Trail with a loop through Shannock Village
 3. LTE (Letter to Editor) in Sun 4/15. Flier to P&R (Parks & Rec) , CLT (Charlestown Land Trust) , Breachway Bikers, CCA (Charlestown Citizens Alliance), South County Independent.
 - a. Add to Charlestown Residents United (CRU).
 4. Bill indicates that on the Be Fit Trail while Driving North on Shannock Rd from Old County Road, and where road bears right there is a sign with an arrow pointing at Maple Lake Farm Road, but there is no Bike Route sign.
 5. Overflow parking sign will be set up at South Farm Preserve.
- B. "Feasibility Investigation For Bike & Pedestrian Safety Improvements For Charlestown Beach Road" update on RFP
 1. Follow up on this towards the end of the summer.
 2. Phil will reach out to Steve McAndless if the Town can reach out to consultants as to why they did not respond. They may have some suggestions to improve the RFP.
- C. Letter to Narragansett Tribal Council
 1. Share proposed communications with Town Council May 13
 2. Once the Town Council approves, the communications will be shared with RIDOT Walsh and King, Sen. Gu and Rep Spears.
- D. House Bill H7918 introduced by SK Rep. Theresa Tanzi.
 1. This bill is for \$25 million to fund the Bicycle Mobility Plan.
 2. Bill includes exempting sales tax on bicycles like boats and planes
 3. Letter of support can be sent to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov
 4. Bill was referred to House Finance on April 10th who then recommended that the Bill be held for further study.

7. NEXT BISB MEETING

- A. May 16, 2024 3:00 Town Hall
Phil will not be able to attend.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:32.