

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY MAY 15, 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 4:03 PM

B. Roll Call:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 17, 2025

A. Motion to approve by Claire, second by Faith. Correction made to add name of minute taker; minutes unanimously approved as corrected; Melanie and Lynn abstained.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

A. Report on Community Bike Ride: Bill noted that Joe did an excellent job leading the ride and the committee agreed that it is worth continuing these rides.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. House Bill 5192 status: Faith stated that the bill will not move forward this year; she said that a requirement to have all traffic (bikes and pedestrians) move on the right side of a bike path. The committee expressed concerns about this.

B. Charlestown's Celebration of USA 250 (2026): Faith stated that a town committee has been formed to plan the celebration, and that they were receptive to having BISBC participate with a community bike ride, perhaps highlighting the historic sites along Old Post Rd. Joan and Melanie have agreed to work on this.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Signage Old Post Rd RIDOT update: signage has been approved by Alan Arsenault

B. Rt 1 Village District Crossing: Committee discussed feasibility of having a safe crossing of Route 1, and that the following groups would need to be involved:

- 1. Town Council
- 2. Stakeholders
- 3. Chambers of Commerce
- 4. Other boards and commissions

C. King Tom Pond Safety Improvements Next Steps: no discussion

D. Guide to cycling in Charlestown: tabled at this time

7. NEXT BISB MEETING

June 26, 2025 at 4:00 Annex Conference Room (June 19 is a Holiday)

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Champion