

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BIKEWAY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 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 called meeting to order at 3:05 PM
- b. Attendees
  - i. Faith LaBossiere
  - ii. Bill Wilson
  - iii. Phil Moreschi
- c. Absent from the meeting was Melanie Champlin

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 16, 2024

- a. Bill Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
- b. Faith LaBossiere 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. All in favor, except Phil Moreschi abstained since he hadn't attended the meeting.

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

- d. Joe Damon – Resident of South Kingstown
  - i. Has attended the South Kingstown Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee meeting.
    - 1. Faith has indicated that Dorothy Hill the chair has reached out to her on numerous occasions.

3. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- a. Faith indicated that Sheldon Whitehouse visited the Town last week and announced that a grant will be issued to demolish the Old Fire Station at the intersection of Matunuck School House and Old Post Road to develop a Town Park. The \$610K grant will be to remove the building and make a park with the existing pond. Park will have some use for cycling.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Report on June 26 Paths to Progress (P2P) Zoom meeting
  - i. Melanie Champlin attended the meeting
  - ii. 18+/- people attended and there was lots of good information on cycling initiatives shared.
  - iii. Presentation about “Ride Island” an Aquidneck Island bicycle program.
  - iv. Discussed the 2025 Bonding Strategy for 2026 which is an election year for the Governor. Bike community got funding in the past from the Green Economy Bond. Are looking for a bond for bicycling infrastructure, separate from the Green Bond.

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- v. Faith LaBossiere is talking to South County Tourism Bureau to see if they are interested in supporting this group. Also discussed having the P2P August 21, 2024 meeting in South County.
  - b. P2P Meeting scheduled for August 21, 5:30 PM to 7 PM in-person meeting in South County (SC) somewhere.
    - i. Collaborate with SC Tourism and other SC towns
    - ii. Motion Made by Bill Wilson to cancel the August 15<sup>th</sup> BISBC monthly meeting to allow attendance at the August 21 Paths to Progress (P2P) meeting and that a public notice will be issued announcing a public meeting of the BISBC in the event a quorum of the committee is attained at the P2P meeting, 2nded by Phil.
      - 1. Unanimous approval
5. OLD BUSINESS
- a. South Kingstown Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (SKPBAC) June 26 report from Chair Dorothy Hill was previously given to Faith. Dorothy Hill said : *“We will be discussing the bikeway at tonight's meeting. The wayfinding and share-the-road signs are moving ahead.”*
  - b. Signage for Coastal Bike Rt 1A
    - i. Phil Moreschi indicated that he will coordinate with Bill on the identification of drive cuts as requested by the RIDOT.
  - c. Report on Narragansett Tribal Council letter requesting a meeting
    - i. Town Manager Jeff Allen has sent the letter and has called the Tribal Council.
    - ii. Faith LaBossiere has reached out to the tribe and left a message with Chief Stanton’s assistant.
6. NEXT BISB MEETING AUGUST 21, 2024 5:30 PM at a location to be determined by the Paths To Progress.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.