

Approved as written
BIKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 17, 2022
11:00 AM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am

In attendance: Jeremy Collie, Steve Engberg, Samira Hakki, John Hammel, Julie Kallfelz, Rip Smith, Lisa Bryer – Town Planner, Jean Lambert – Public Works and Carrie Kolb – Planning Assistant

Not present: Joyce Antoniello

II. Introductions

- Lisa Bryer, Town Planner in Jamestown, She will lead the meetings until a chair is appointed.
- Carrie Kolb, Planning Assistant, send emails to her and she will distribute to the group due to open meetings laws.
- Julie Kallfelz, is a Jamestown resident who lives on Green Lane. She has been a member of a couple of different Bike Path Committees over the years. She is a member of Rolling Agenda, which is a community biking advocacy group. She has lived in town for almost 30 years.
- Jean Lambert, Town Engineer. She has lived in Town for almost 30 years.
- Richard “Rip” Smith, Jamestown resident. Excited to be a part of this group. This is his first-time being part of the Bike Path Committee.
- Samira Hakki, she is a member of Rolling Agenda. She works for the schools. She rides her bike a lot and rode it to the meeting.
- Jeremy Collie, used to ride bike to work for 30 years, until he moved to Jamestown and can’t ride his bike to work at the Bay Campus. One of the reasons he’d like to advocate for bike paths.
- Steve Engberg, he has been a Jamestown resident for 5 years. This is the first committee he’s serving on.
- John Hammel, he has been a Jamestown resident for 5 years. He moved from a town outside Boston that had a fantastic bike path, and he would like to see the same thing here. Used to be an avid bike rider and part of the reason he is not anymore is that it is not really fun to ride your bike in Jamestown.

III. Review of Purpose

Bryer reviews the charge of the Bike Path Committee, and states that this committee is focused on planning. The first plan is really old and is only a map. The next committee focused on North Road. What she has found in the past, the more complete plans that the committee has, the more competitive they will be for grants. Safe Roads to school is an example and they received \$450,000 over two grant cycles because they had the land use plan.

The members confirmed that they have each been sworn in.

IV. Election of Officers

Discussion ensued regarding electing officers. Bryer stated that the Chair and committee will set the agenda for each meeting and she will help. Bryer stated that the committee can get used to each other and electing a chair can wait. The agenda can be created by the committee without a Chair. It was determined by the group that they will get to know each other and decide at a later date if a Chair is needed, and then elect or not.

Discussion ensued regarding expectations of the committee. Bryer noted the charge of the committee which is to come up with a plan that addresses on-street and off-street and all kinds of paths through the island so that we are poised to receive funding. It's good to have planning talks with the Town Council to keep them informed and on-board. This way when funding is available, they already know what the committee has been working on.

Kallfelz asked for an update on the 2010 report to Town Council. North Road Committee.

Bryer answered that the previous plan was just for North Road. She would like to have this committee look at the whole island, and come up with priorities. The previous bike committee switched gears from connecting the North to the South via North Road and connected the North to the South through the reservoir property.

Hakki inquired about the North Road project. We need to advocate for bike path there.

Hakki and Kallfelz did a survey. They will share the data. They did a student survey and a general population survey. The survey's were mentioned in the Press and on the school website. They has an in-person workshop with 20 people. There were 4 maps and people worked in teams to put what they would like to see on the maps. The map currently at Town Hall is the compiled map from the workshop and it has been around town at the library, rec center and senior center.

Discussion ensued regarding the Safe Roads to School which is a program that promotes walking and biking to school through infrastructure improvements. Jamestown had funding and the state let the funding lapsed due to Covid. It has taken 1.5 years to get the funding back. Once the funding is re-instated, they will get started. They are in that process now.

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Discussion ensued regarding walking and biking, as they usually go together. The paths near the reservoir are both. Bike paths throughout the State are open to both. The group liked the idea of being multi-modal.

V. Future Meetings

What to talk about at the next meeting?

- Bryer/Kolb get information on North Road
- Hakki will share the survey results in advance of the next meeting
- Lambert will get a copy of the plan for North Road
- Bryer/Lambert will get an updated TIP list for Jamestown
- Start to brainstorm an outline of what this committee would like to accomplish

The next meeting is schedule for: September 30th at 9:00am

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned approximately 12:05pm

Attest:

Lisa Bryer
Town Planner

Carrie Kolb
Planning Assistant