

Approved as amended
BIKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 18, 2022
9:00 AM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:09am and the following members were present:

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

Not present: Steve Engberg and Erik Brine

II. Approval of Minutes – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

A motion was moved by Kallfelz and seconded by Lambert to approve the minutes from October 21, 2022. All in favor.

III. North Road paving update - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Lambert stated that there are no updates for paving on North Road. Hakki noted that the construction materials for the stone wall are in the way of the bike path.

IV. Discuss SWOT as a method of bike path analysis - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Discussion regarding Jamestown Bridge ensued. Is it possible for bike path? Could it be an opportunity?

Opportunities for parking were discussed to include: Dead end of Eldred Avenue, its owned by DOT. Fort Wetherill is an existing decent area to park. There is some parking at Taylor Point.

Discussion regarding existing bike paths ensued. Lambert brought a Jamestown map, that was marked up with following colors:

Green to show the bike bath.

Yellow shows work in progress

Red for unsafe sections

Blue proposed paths that are less hazardous

Blue with dashed line is a secondary option in less dangerous

Discussion regarding North Road ensued. DOT will put in temporary permeable pavement and stripe it for 2,000 feet at North Road and crossing the creek. It's not a bike path but its better than nothing.

Discussion regarding the bike path section by the schools for Safe Routes To School ensued. Bryer said that funding is earmarked for sidewalks in Safe Routes To School. A question was raised if the path could cut through Shoreby Hills? It does not hurt to ask the question. The roads are private but the Town plows the roads and there is water & sewer.

Discussion ensued regarding bike paths over drainage ditches. There are roads that have drainage ditches on both sides. Hakki relayed that Bari Freeman at Bike Newport said that ditches can be engineered to have bike paths.

Discussion ensued regarding Southwest Ave out to Beavertail & Fort Wetherill. It would be a loop.

Discussion ensued regarding Walcott Avenue. The Town has applied for TIP funds to improve the sidewalks. There has even been discussion about removing the sidewalks that are in bad areas. The sidewalks get overgrown. Hakki suggested the problem on this street is distracted drivers. Can rumble strips be added or paint the area green?

Hakki looked up the area south of the highway and they have conservation easements. Ethan Brown, a member of the Land Trust, is looking into the easements. Plan A – getting the bike path on State Roads. Plan B – getting the bike path on private property. Both options will be explored.

Lambert brought the proposed East Shore Road bike path plans from Pare for a quick review. It was noted that the plan shows some notes for widths of the roads. This plan from Pare is just for the Town. It has not been shared with DOT.

The map will be shown to Town Council when it's finished. It was reiterated that the plan will be a biking and pedestrian plan.

V. Review of South Kingstown Master Plan - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Not discussed

VI. Future Meetings - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 9:00am

The question of "Do we need a chair?" will be on the agenda at next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Attest:

Lisa Bryer Carrie Kolb
Town Planner and Planning Assistant