

Approved as written

BIKE PATH COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 26, 2023 (rescheduled from May 12, 2023)
9:00 AM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am and the following members were present: Steve Engberg; Samira Hakki, Jeremy Collie, John Hammel, Jean Lambert, and Lisa Bryer. Also present: Carrie Kolb
Not present: Joyce Antonello, Erik Brine, Julie Kallfelz, Rip Smith,

II. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2023 – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

A motion was moved by Bryer and seconded Collie to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor.

III. Discuss Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis of Potential Bike Path - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

1. Review of complied data

The section from Zeeks Creek to 138 is missing. Bryer will look at past notes to try to find the information.

IV. Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Bryer discussed starting to write the plan. She did research and cannot find another town in Rhode Island that has adopted a plan. The city of Providence adopted a plan in 2013 and it is very general. An ad-hoc committee in South Kingstown has a written plan but it was not adopted and they are looking to hire a consultant. Bryer will speak to the planner in South Kingstown to get more information. Bryer will look for a transportation consultant to help write a plan, which will be a hybrid of the committee's and consultant's work.

Discussion of draft Master Plan ensued. Bryer and Hakki has both started to work on it and Hakki will send what she has written so far to Bryer. Hammel has written language on methodology and will send to Bryer.

This committee has the Strengths/Opportunities and Weakness/Threats table completed and everyone should review. Collie has reviewed and has some changes that he will send to Kolb.

Some things that this committee can do now to save time later is: take inventory of bike racks and take notice of sidewalks that are in disrepair and/or overgrown in the village. Also are there any situations where there is a walking path only, because a walking path does not necessarily need to be paved. Collie pointed out that the path to Hull Cove is just a walking path. Hakki found out that cyclists are allowed to ride on sidewalks in Rhode Island, unless they are marked otherwise and walking path to Hull Cove will need a sign saying no cyclists. Bryer will look up who owns land across from Hull Cove to see if parking could go across the street at Austin Hollow.

Bryer discussed the State TIP. The Town is working with DOT because small and large projects have been lumped together. DOT has accepted the Town's proposal to use the \$100,000 re-allocated from the bridge. Bryer has met with Weis again. The Town has the Beta Corp. plan and will get estimates.

Bryer gave an update on Safe Routes to School that the contract was just signed and will go out to bid next week.

Hakki said that she still working on getting the Town Council together for a bike ride, she has a 4-mile plan and hopes to borrow some e-bikes for the ride.

Hakki said that there is a monthly bike ride in Providence. Someone in Jamestown is friendly with Providence folks and there is talks for a family-friendly ride in Jamestown.

V. Future Meetings – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

The next meeting June 21, 2023 at 9:00am.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:53am was moved by Hakki and Collie. All in favor.