

Approved as written
BIKE PATH COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 21, 2023
9:00 AM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am and the following members were present: Samira Hakki, Rip Smith, Jeremy Collie, Julie Kallfelz, John Hammel, Lisa Bryer and Jean Lambert. Also present: Carrie Kolb, Mia Saracino, summer intern with Department of Public Works

Not present: Steve Engberg, Joyce Antoniello, Erik Brine,

II. Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2023 – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Minutes from the May 26, 2023 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

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

SWOT table was revised at the meeting and section 2A was given strengths/opportunities and threats/weaknesses.

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

Kolb explained that committee members were asked to view: where bike paths were currently located; sidewalks that were in disrepair and/or overgrown; and identify any situations where there was a walking path only. An updated list of assignments based on the SWOT table was distributed to the committee.

Key for dots for Bike Racks on the map:

Blue: private

Green: public

Yellow: proposed

Where Bike Racks are currently located:

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Mackerel Cove

Town Hall at back entrance and on Narragansett

At the schools: Melrose at far end of the parking lot

Lawn at the far end of the school

East Ferry by the bus shelter (2)

Narragansett Avenue Commercial District:

- in front of the Veterinarian office
- In front of Slice of Heaven
- In front of Generals Crossing
- Rec Center on Union Street

Fort Wetherill at DEM Facility

Conanicut Battery

Fort Getty by the pavilion (double check)

Fort Getty by CISF (double check)

Heads Beach

Police Station (double check)

On private property available to public:

McQuades – at the side entrance

Post office

Village Hearth – on Watson Avenue near the corner of North Road

Fitness Center at Southwest

Bank Newport

Jamestown Outdoors

Conanicut Yacht Club by the tennis courts

Bay Voyage Hotel and Restaurant

Suggestion locations where there should be bike racks:

Jamestown Family Practice

Liquor Store

Early Learning Center

Cumberland Farms

Tennis Court at corner of Watson and Melrose

Baseball fields

Ice Cream places

Beavertail

Dutch Harbor

Soccer Field (double check)

Farm

At Parking at cul-de-sac on Eldred

Reservoir

Right of Way – tie in points

Hull Cove

Park Dock – Board Street

Potters Cove

Taylor's Point

Shelter at North Road and East Shore Road

Bus Stop at the Jamestown Bridge

Fort Wetherill at the bathroom hut

Godena Farm

Parker Woodlands (double check)

Bridge and Turnpike Authority (double check)

Windmill

Golf Course (double check)

Trails Only accessible by walking:

The Battery (work done between the Town and Historical Society)

The tip of Beavertail

Hull Cove

Parker Farm (CILT)

Opportunity:

Sidewalk ends on Southwest

The extension of Newport Street through Ft. Wetherill Park (past the stone cottage) – extend the bike path there

Discussion ensued regarding sidewalks. What can the Town do to make people to keep their sidewalks clear of trees and bushes? Bryer said that there is an ordinance for trees but not for bushes and that is recommended. It was said that it should be more than a recommendation. Mailboxes in the middle of the sidewalk on Southwest Avenue needs to be addressed. Hakki brought up that Aquidneck Bicyclists group gives grants when available to move utilities and another round of funding is coming up.

Discussion of Town paving ensued. Lambert said the DPW is not doing any paving this year. When the crews are not busy, they will continue grading the North Road Bike Path. Bryer said that DPW is committed to two new projects – Ft. Getty bathrooms and ferry landing jetty.

Bryer said that she is trying to get a consultant on board to assist with the Bike Path Plan. The more data the committee can give a consultant, the more they can help. There is a need to solidify the focus in terms of recommendations. The committee will identify what the barriers are and then prioritize.

Safe Routes to school bid update: 28 people took out the plans and 5 attended the pre-bids meeting. Bids are due on June 30th.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8 at 9am.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 10:17am was moved by Hakki and seconded by Collie. All in favor.

