

Approved as written
Joint workshop between the
Bike Path Committee
And
Town Council
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
7:30am
A four-mile bike ride around Jamestown
Meet in the West Street parking lot at Town Hall

Last Tuesday, October 10, six members of the Bike Committee (Lisa Bryer, Jeremy, Jean Lambert, Julie Kallfelz, Richard Smith, and Samira Hakki) and two Town Councilors (Eric Brine and Mike White) participated in an informational ride organized by Rolling Agenda. Rolling Agenda's intention was to have the town councilors and other attendees experience the challenges of riding between town and the north end as well as to showcase the beauty of Jamestown's one bike path.

To accommodate one of our councilors who is unable to ride we worked with Kevin Barry of New England Pedicab and Tim Burke of Grace Pedicab to provide a solution. Tim Burke was on hand with his electric assist pedicab and was able to transport Mike White around the 4 mile loop.

Riders rendezvoused at the West Street Parking lot at Town Hall at 7:30 AM. We then proceeded in a counterclockwise direction around the planned loop riding down Narragansett Avenue, north on Conanicus to East Shore Road and then left onto Eldred Avenue. At that point we cut across the island on the bike path which passes the community farm and skirts the dam of the North Reservoir. Some members of the group rode north at this point to inspect the work being done on the North rd. path that will eventually reach from the existing path to the West Reach neighborhood. A light rain began falling as the group started riding along North rd. heading south back to town. Once back in town the rain stopped but started again while everyone chatted about their experience on the ride. Conversation revolved around some of the hardships of riding between town and the north end and also spurred discussion about possible solutions to get riders safety to and fro.