

Approved as written
BIKE PATH COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 19, 2023
9:00 AM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am. The following members were present:
Joyce Antoniello, Rip Smith, Samira Hakki, Julie Kallfelz, Jean Lambert, Lisa Bryer, and
Jeremy Collie

Also present: Alyssa Gomes, BETA; and Carrie Kolb

Not present: Erik Brine, Steve Engberg and John Hammel

**II. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2023 – Review, Discussion, and/or Action
and/or Vote**

A motion was moved by Lambert and seconded by Kallfelz to approve the minutes from the
December 8, 2023 meeting as written. All in favor.

**III. Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan: Status Update from BETA - Review,
Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote**

Alyssa Gomes from BETA reported that Anna Sangree, BETA, is working on the existing
conditions portion of the project. Sangree is creating a report of existing conditions that includes
previous and ongoing efforts, existing walking network, existing bike network, land use, existing
issues and opportunities. Gomes brought a compiled figure of Jamestown map with areas of
concern, broken into sections which show road widths, shoulder widths and overall, right of way.
The next steps will be what future concepts will look like and solutions to the problems that have
been found. Gomes will email a copy of the compiled figure to attach to the minutes. Bryer
asked if report would be ready for the February 16, 2024 meeting? Gomes said the draft will be
available for presentation and discussion. Bryer asked to get a copy ahead of the meeting to
review ahead of time. Gomes asked for a copy of the Jamestown Village Vision plan and the
Conanicut Island Greenway.

Discussion ensued regarding pavement widths. Discussion ensued regarding connecting
neighborhoods ensued. The South Shores neighborhood and using the path through the cemetery
was described.

Discussion regarding the DOT North Road bridge presentation to Town Council ensued. Pam Cotter with DOT presented to the Town Council a study which showed the best option for the future North Road bridge. There have been no designs created at this point. Cotter said that they have no plans for a bike lane across the bridge. Bryer said that Town Administrator Mello told DOT that they needed to do public outreach for the bridge. Bryer said that the town will remain vocal with DOT about bike lanes across the bridge.

Collie asked the question about what the Bike Path Committee can do for community outreach? Bryer said that the purpose of the committee is to develop master plan and education will be part of it. The master plan could suggest ways to outreach to the community. Hakki said that education for drivers is needed. Hakki said that the school could put in for a grant to put traffic garden so kids can practice riding bikes and said that the courtyard at the Lawn School needs to be repaved. She asked if this could piggy back off of another paving project. Bryer said that she would need to coordinate with Mike Gray. Kallfelz said that Rolling Agenda can help with education and they could schedule a workshop in March/April. Smith asked if there was going to be an official opening of the North Road bike path? Lambert hasn't heard anything. Antonello said that the conservation commission is planning another Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20, and there are hopes for a more interactive kids area. Hakki said CISF came last year. BETA was asked if they could create a bike path poster for the event showing the progress and Gomes responded yes.

Discussion regarding attending The League of American Bicyclists conference in Washington, DC ensued. The cost for attending the conference would be \$2,500 – \$3,000 and there is not a budget for that.

Discussion for installing wooden guardrails along the North Road bike path ensued. Byer said that she likes the idea of a wooden guardrail however it is not inexpensive. She is looking for funding. Lambert will look up lineal foot for installation in the spec book. Hakki said that the area where the bus went through the guardrail near 138 needs to be fixed, and adding more guardrails could be combined with that project.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024

Agenda items for discussion at next meeting – Earth Day event on April 20, 2024 and community outreach

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:48am was moved by Antonello and seconded by Smith. All in favor.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb