

Approved as written

BIKE PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2024

9:00 AM

Jamestown Town Hall

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am and the following members were present:

Rip Smith, Samira Hakki, Jean Lambert, Lisa Bryer, and Jeremy Collie,

Also present: Jeff Maxtutis, BETA; Alyssa Gomes, BETA; Arek Galle, BETA, Anna Sangree, BETA and Carrie Kolb

Not present: Julie Kallfelz, Erik Brine, Steve Engberg, Joyce Antonello, and John Hammel

II. Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Draft of Final Master Plan: Presentation from BETA - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Maxtutis explained that the draft plan is aspirational. BETA is still accepting comments from the committee. When looking at feasibility, most are feasible but there are challenges in some locations and this plan is not down into the design details including transitions. Work will need to be done with some property owners but it sets the stage for a vision. The plan is for island wide accessibility and includes, East to West path, is multi-mobile, and for all ages. There are lots of shared use paths for everyone.

Maxtutis reviewed the Jamestown Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (see attached).

East Shore Road (area 1): Bryer asked if it was wide enough for clean up after a storm for maintenance purposes? Maxtutis said the path is 10-feet.

East Shore Road (area 3): Hakki asked if a shared use path, instead of a widened shoulder, could be put in at the top of the island? It could be done by making the road 10-feet, instead of 11-feet, and make the path bigger. Maxtutis said it is not a traffic heavy area in that portion of the road and BETA can push for it.

North Main Road & North Road: Hakki pointed out that this is the most dangerous section of the bike path. Galle discussed having armadillos in this section.

St. Mark's Connection: Bryer said that the existing path is the old ice road.

Helm Street to North Road (area 2): Collie asked if the path is existing? Hakki said that there is a path from Weeden Lane to reservoir and that this would be a good path for mountain biking trails. Maxtutis said that this path could be made out of stone dust.

Great Creek: Galle said that this is one of two North to South connections on the island and it is very important. Hakki said that a letter writing campaign to RIDOT was implemented after they presented to Town Council without plans for a bike path.

Sharrow Locations: discussion ensued regarding creating a cut across Weeden Lane/Shoreby Hills.

Golf Course Connection: Lambert said that she likes the idea. Galle said that it is aspirational. Collie pointed out that there are wetlands. Bryer gave an alternative as Mount Hope Avenue if the golf course isn't feasible.

Walcott Ave: Galle said that cars move quickly on this street. Bryer said that the sidewalks are in better condition on the west side.

Highland Drive: This is a street for an advisory bike lane. Bryer asked if advisory bike lanes work at blind corners? Galle said that they could widen the road in some places where needed. Maxtutis said that this is a good area to complete quickly and maybe as a pilot.

Fort Getty Road: People walk their dogs down this road a lot. Bryer said the road can be 11-feet instead of 12.6-feet.

Transitions were discussed. The transition at Eldred Avenue is shown on the south side but can be put on the north side.

III. Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2024 – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote

Minutes will be approved at the next meeting. There were not enough members present at the end of the meeting for a quorum to vote.

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

1. Public workshop on June 18, 2024 at 5:00pm

The public workshop advertisement was in the Jamestown Press in the June 13 edition.

Bryer and Kolb emailed the notice to contacts, town committee members, the Recreation Department for distribution, the Library for distribution, and Shores Association for distribution.

Hakki will email to Rolling Agenda. BETA will bring boards to place around

the room and a map for attendees to leave comments on. Bryer will give the introduction and BETA will present. It was discussed that BETA will present to the Town Council at an August meeting, which date and time are still to be determined.

2. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 19, 2024 at 9:00 am.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb