

Approved as written

BIKE PATH COMMITTEE MINUTES
Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Workshop
June 18, 2024
5:00 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
Town Council Chambers
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bryer opened the workshop by welcoming all the attendees at 5:00pm. and the following members were present: Rip Smith, Samira Hakki, Lisa Bryer, and Erik Brine

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

Not present: Jeremy Collie, Jean Lambert, Julie Kallfelz, Steve Engberg, Joyce Antoniello, and John Hammel.

Attendees who signed in:

Erik Brine

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

Lisa Bryer welcomed everyone at 5:02pm. About 28 attendees were in attendance. She introduced the team from BETA.

Jeff Maxtutis, BETA gave a presentation (see attached). Project goals discussed. Public comments will be taken and the master plan is still in draft phase so comments can be incorporated.

III. Public Comment – Review and/or Discussion

A. In person

B. Accepted in writing to Planning Department until July 2, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Path through the Golf Course is great.
- Process used is effective and a lot of practical ideas.
- This (Master Plan) is really nicely done.
- Thanks to the Bike Path Committee, Town Council, Mike Gray and Public Works.
- Questions – Zeek’s Creek area:
 1. Do we have to work with the state?

Lisa Bryer said the Town will need to coordinate with RIDOT. North Road is a state road.

Erik Brine said this is on the State TIP and the Town is committed to a bike path lane. The Town will need help from the community.

Jeff Maxtutis said that Zeek’s Creek is pinch point now.
 2. Is State permission needed?

Lisa Bryer said yes there needs to be coordination with RIDOT. A bike path at Zeek’s Creek is on our plan and when the Town Council approves the Master Plan, it says that the community is behind this plan.

Jeff Maxtutis said once the Master Plan is adopted, it has greater teeth when dealing with RIDOT.
- North Road path north of Rt. 138 – needs education or enforcement on path. The path was supposed to go to West Reach and it stops at Sloop. Will it go further?

Lisa Bryer said the plan is to have it go further. There is still driveway coordination with residents that needs to occur.
- Does the Master Plan set out priorities?

Jeff Maxtutis said not yet. It will be up to the Town to prioritize. There can be early action items and create a longer timeline for larger items.
- There is an East to West path goes through the land trust, what if it doesn’t work?

Lisa Bryer said this is an aspirational plan and when a section is targeted for development, the coordination with property owners etc will be done then. There are other ways that can be utilized to create an East-West connection.
- How is an Advisory Bike Lane used?

Jeff Maxtutis said that cars drive more to the center when there are bikes and pedestrians on the sides/shoulders.

Arek Galle said it would be good to start with a pilot project.

Comment from the audience was that signage would be needed.
- Can Beavertail Road become as shared use path?

Jeff Maxtutis said that BETA can look into it but he does not think they have enough room in the right of way.

- Who will coordinate with all the entities in Town and State? How the education going to work? Maxtutis said it will be the Town Administrator, Planning Department and Town Council.
- Traffic calming options were questioned and discussed. Traffic calming measures started in 1970s. Traffic calming is about slowing vehicles down for safety and visible structures slow people down.
- The idea of lowering the speed limit in areas like from Water Plant to the Narragansett Avenue on North Road were discussed.
- What are the next steps? Maxtutis said they will present to the Town Council at a future meeting.
- Speed cameras have been used in other towns/cities for traffic calming.
- How to make people aware of the Master Plan? It is on the town website and has been in The Jamestown Press.
- Galle said the proposed Master Plan is an aspirational plan. There are options with the design. It is intended to be a road map because having a bigger plan means that things in the future do not fall through the cracks. There is a lot of strength in the plan.
- Should it be renamed a “recreational path”? Its not just a bicycle path? Maybe a “shared use path”? Come up with a new term?
- How to determine priority and costs? Maxtutis said that there is a recommendation matrix within the Master Plan that shows costs and levels of ease.
- Will there be a survey to look at priorities for the residents?

IV. Approve Master Plan for Submission to Town Council - Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote – no action taken

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb