

Approved Minutes
Bike Path Design Committee
Town Hall – Wednesday, February 4, 2009

I. Call to Order

Robert Sutton called the meeting to order at 3:42pm.

II Roll Call

Voting members present:

Robert Sutton, David Burnell, Lisa Bryer, Nancy Logan, Kate Smith

Voting members absent were Julie Kallfelz and Susan Plowden

Non-voting member present: Bruce Keiser (Town Administrator)

Non-voting member absent: Lambri Zerva (RIDOT)

Also attending: Justin Jobin (Environmental scientist for the town)

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously. There was one clarification of the Minutes (Potential dangers of bicycling on Conanicus Avenue).

IV. Discussion of area around Windmill, Meeting House, Weeden Lane. Justin Jobin brought large table-size and smaller aerial views of those areas.

The first area discussed was the east and north sides of Clancy's property on North Road. It was decided by the Committee that Robert Sutton, Bruce Keiser, and Lisa Bryer will meet with property owner, Joe Dutra, before March 4 to discuss his path concerns in this area.

The area around the Windmill, Meeting House and Weeden Lane was briefly considered. No decisions were made.

The Committee also discussed the necessity of a bicycle crossing just north of the Water Treatment Plant and safety concerns. Considered were yellow blinking light, push-button light for cyclists to cross, signs warning cars of the cross-road for cyclists, etc.

V. Initial discussion of connection to Jamestown Bridge. The Access Road (Tashtassuc Road) to North Road (south of Route 138) was considered safe for cyclists. The only problem is at the end of the road – the water pumping station does not work causing flooding after rain. This road would require signs only for Bike Route.

VI. There was no time for other business.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm. The next meeting will be on March 4 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Logan, Recording Secretary