

Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

Fran Salewski, Andrew Docken, Paul Gazaille, Charles Walkley, Charlene Pilon (members).

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's November of 2021 meeting were approved.

III. New Business

- A. The Group recognizes that current State and Local COVID protocols permit our meetings to continue to be conducted via a remote format. However, general public access will be provided by the Town via transcript, recording or other comprehensive record.
- B. The Group issued a reminder that they are asking for proposals, suggestions and/or comments re. potential projects to pursue in upcoming year.
- C. The Group continued ongoing discussions about walking vs. riding bikes at road crossings on the bike trails. It was acknowledged that some sort of standardization would be ideal.
 1. Charles indicated a willingness to investigate the rules / practices used by proximate towns / communities.
 2. The Group acknowledged that frequent meeting attendee J. Alain Ferry has also been working on this problem and will follow up accordingly.
- D. The Group briefly recalled the current uncertain status of e-bike policy / usage vis-à-vis the bike trails. It was acknowledged that e-bikes are currently allowed on the trails, but that safe behavior is requested.
 1. It was recognized that specific articulation in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations is needed before municipal written rules can be posted. The issue is pending in the MA Legislature.
- E. The Group recalled that the Cape Cod Commission is scheduling a January Virtual Regional Bike Meet-Up for Thursday, January 27 at 12 noon via Zoom. The CCC will discuss their role in bringing bicycle planning projects and infrastructure to the region.
- F. Linc / DPW improved drainage at the muddy site close to the Harwich Bike Rotary. It is hoped that this will alleviate the mud problems at this site.

IV. Old Business

- A. Paul recalled that he gave the annual report to the Board of Selectmen. Paul reminded the Group that a written report / presentation can be submitted prior to, and often in the place of, an oral presentation.
1. The Board had asked Paul about the possible presence of a police officer on the Committee; Paul explained that the Group can always call upon the Safety Committee for clarification re. legality / safety issues.
 2. Further B.O.S. news: the decision as to whether to merge the Bikeways Committee has been tabled (for now) until a final vote with adequate Board members is possible.
- B. The trails are in fairly good shape as reported by members. There are minor amounts of dirt and pine needles occasionally present but the mud issue (near the Rotary) has hopefully been resolved.

V. Review of Action Items

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Consider / provide suggestions for projects to pursue in 2022	All	Continuing	In progress
Continue to monitor trails for hazards such as mud, dirt, plant / tree matter, etc.	All	Continuing	In progress
Continue to pursue a viable e-bike policy	All	Ongoing	Pending

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tues., January 18 at 5:00 p.m., presumably via virtual format.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.