

Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

Fran Salewski, Andrew Docken, Paul Gazaille, Charles Walkley, Eric Levy, Charlene Pilon (members); J. Alain Ferry.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's December 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 and/or other comprehensive record.
- B. The Group issued a reminder that they are asking for and discussing proposals, suggestions and/or comments re. potential projects to pursue in the upcoming year.
 1. In this vein, the Committee held discussions about expanding / updating trail QR codes to include additional information re. nearby bike shops, food options, historical info, etc.
 2. The members considered suggestions re. posting signage / symbols, especially on bigger roads / major arteries, to assist with travel to various points on the trail / trailheads. It was also discussed whether there was indeed a target audience for this venture (i.e., was this suggested desideratum a valid working hypothesis?).
 3. The Group mused about having a bike maintenance stop / station (perhaps similar to the Chatham tool station) during peak season. Paul mentioned that Brooks Park would be a viable location because of the high visibility and attendance there which would hopefully deter vandalism / crime.
 - a) It was recognized that the Friends of the CCRT were hopefully putting in two such stations, however neither within municipal Harwich.
 - b) Eric mentioned that there is generally a Ranger on the trail to assist with these services.
 4. The members considered the painting of line(s) down the middle of the CCRT trail. Apparently, this idea has been denied previously, but Eric suggested that we could write to DCR, local DPW (read: Linc), and/or others. He indicated that he would attempt to provides contacts, names, and addresses.
 5. The somewhat confusing nature of mile markers / designations on the OCRT was brought up. However, it was thought that rescue / EMT teams wanted these markers for use in locating incident locations.

6. The Group recognized a desire to interface with the Chatham Bikeways Committee, and as such, feelers will be put out for a potential rendezvous.

C. The Committee issued a reminder about the upcoming – January 27, 2022 at noon – Zoom meeting by the Cape Cod Commission for the “January Virtual Regional Bike Meet-Up.” This is an opportunity for the Cape’s committees and advocacy groups to become apprised of upcoming projects. It was mentioned that this could be an avenue to pursue help with installation of a repair station.

IV. Old Business

A. 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. Charles also reported that he will be contacting the Cape Cod Commission suggesting the elimination of “walking” signs.

2. The Group acknowledged that frequent meeting attendee J. Alain Ferry has also been working on this problem and will follow up accordingly. Alain noted that it would be helpful to have study / video or other documentation clearly illustrating that drivers’ wait times are greatly decreased when cyclists ride through in lieu of dismounting / walking. It was thought that this narrative would help sway opinion towards the option of riding.

B. The Group will continue to pursue updates / additions to the trail QR codes. It was mentioned that the CCRT QR codes should be modified to include reference to the OCRT. Several members believed that they had contacts who could assist with internet / web projects.

V. Review of Action Items

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Consider / pursue / implement the discussed suggestions, plans and projects for 2022	All	Continuing	In progress
Consider and follow up with ride vs. walk strategy at crosswalks	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

Provide names / contact information for reaching out to request trail line painting

Eric

Ongoing

Pending

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tues., February 15 at 5:00 p.m., presumably via virtual format.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

