

Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

Fran Salewski, Paul Gazaille, Andrew Docken, Charles Walkley, Eric Levy, Jacqueline Pentz-Greene (members).

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Committee's March of 2021 meeting were approved. (There was no official meeting from April of 2021 due to the lack of a quorum.)

III. New Business

- A. The Group issued a reminder that current State and Local COVID protocols mandate that our meetings 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 discussed whether to continue to meet via remote format or whether to resume in persona meetings. For the time being, the Group will continue via the remote arrangement.
- C. At the most recent Town Meeting, crossing lights at Depot Road were approved. Also, a town marker (Harwich / Chatham) was approved.
- D. Two proposals that were co-sponsored by the Group (hydration stations along the OCRT and the use of the open space land off of Rt. 124) were "tabled" by the CPC for ostensibly lacking sufficient information. Hence, these will not be sent to a vote at this time.
 1. However, a private donor / benefactor has stepped up and has indicated a willingness to fund the hydration station project.
- E. Charlie, Andrew and perhaps others evinced a willingness to assist with the CPC paperwork that will need to be filed this fall re. our next proposed crossing lights.
- F. The Group discussed the current status of e-bikes usage on the trails. The Group had received a letter from a resident encouraging a defined policy re. this issue. 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 written rules can be posted. A posted speed limit might be a viable current alternative.
- G. The Group discussed vandalism that had occurred at the Harwich Bike Rotary; e.g., a map box was ripped out. While vandalism / graffiti can difficult to prevent, Eric asked that he be notified of future graffiti.

IV. Old Business

- A. Re. fencing on the OCRT between the Harwich Bikeways Rotary and Island Pond Cemetery: Linc has indicated that new fencing will be going up but that he does not currently have a time frame re. installation.
- B. If the lights on Rt. 124 near the (new) Pizza Shark store are malfunctioning and/or otherwise not working properly, Sean needs to be contacted.
- C. Re. the new OCRT maps, Paul indicated that he had received some quotes. Apparently, Linc discerned that Speedy Printing in Orleans might be the best bet. Two thousand maps will be ordered.
- D. In prior meetings, the Group had discussed some possible avenues to pursue re. grants / funding. DCR grants, with public / private partnerships, and 1:1 or better matching from DCR, was discussed. The Group will keep these ideas in the forefront in the context of future financing efforts.
 - 1. Also, apparently a Mass Trails grant could apply, with potential 80% reimbursement.
 - 2. It was further suggested to contact the Harwich Police Dept. to potentially ascertain recommendations re. sources of funding for lights.

V. Review of Action Items

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Pursue and update Group on potential Mass Trails, DCR and other funding avenues	All	Ongoing	In progress
Provide, review and consider suggestions for trail signage	All	Continuing	Pending
Continue to pursue a viable e-bike policy	All	Ongoing	Pending

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 16 at 5:00 p.m., presumably via virtual format.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.