

# MINUTES

## Madison Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023 7:00PM

Meeting Place: Zoom Online Meeting

Members Present: John Biehn, Virginia Raff, Lianne Herdle, Dan Buckley, David Wilkins, Blythe Swift, Claire Corwin

Staff and Others Present: Jeremy York, Erin Mannix, Alex Province

1. Ginny Raff called the meeting of February 7, 2023 to order at 7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval Of Prior Minutes - The minutes were approved as written

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

1. Agenda Item: Alex Province joined the meeting to discuss the area of Boston Post Road between downtown and Liberty Street and the changes in speed limits in a short space and lack of sidewalks. These concerns are being addressed with the state of Connecticut but we plan to cover this area in the development of the master plan.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2. Agenda Item: Funding for master plan SCRCOG update

Discussion: No current update yet on the SCRCOG funding but it's in process. The study is moving along on the Route 79 - Boston Post Road - Surf Club study and the current existing condition are being studied and there will be an opportunity for public input.

3. Agenda Item: Other Funding

Discussion: David has drafted a one page document with information about fundraising efforts and the BPAC committee. David to meet with Erin to discuss ways to manage charitable contributions.

4. Agenda Item: Update on network plans

- Downtown:
- North/South - Lianne - Have completed the last segment and will present early 2023
- East/West - Ginny - Working with design companies to come up with pricing for the new extension from Hammonasset to Salt Meadow. This will be a project of the Shoreline Greenway Trail. A vote was had to allow John to speak on behalf of the committee and write a letter of support from BPAC to the Shoreline Greenway Trail application to the state Recreational Trails Program.

- Schools - Blythe - Emailed with a member of the new school building committee regarding plans for a mixed use path at the new school and that will be considered further down the planning process. Erin added that the town is going through a process of transferring open space on the east side of the property so in the future there is an opportunity to internally move between the high school campus and the new school. Erin also added that sidewalk are a priority along the frontage of the school.
  - Recreation Trails - John - Working on developing more mapping sources and working with the Connecticut Water Company on the area around Lake Hammonasset to see what the options are for trails
  - Beaches - Lianne - Plans around the beach continue to develop
5. Agenda Item: Public Works Update - The main downtown sidewalk project is in process and agreements with the 2 property owners who will have access on their property have been worked out. Discussion regarding the Scotland Ave resurfacing project that is a part of the Capital Improvement Plan.
  6. Agenda Item: Open Parking Lots - Per Dan - Open lots are set for April 22 and May 20 at Ryerson Elementary from 12 - 2pm. Earth day is April 22 so brainstorming on ideas to tie in earth day with the open lots. Dan to reach out to food trucks to see if there are minimums and Clare offered to help with promotions flyers to distribute to the PTO. Dan to follow up with Little League to see if there are portable bathrooms on the field at the time of the open lots because schools will not be open for bathrooms.
  7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  8. Agenda Item: Election of New Officers - John Biehn nominated and elected as chair, Jeannie Morrrissey nominated and elected as vice chair and Blythe Swift to continue as record keeper
  9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Blythe Swift

Record Keeper, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee