



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

At 3:30 PM

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Ian Golding (Chair), Edwin Claflin, John Mynttinen, Joseph Topham

Members Absent: RJ Turcotte (Vice Chair), Michel Kremer, Laura Walters

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Holly Backus, Art Gasbarro

1. Administrative Items

- a) Call to order
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
 - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
 - Ian G arrived
 - There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote
- d) Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2024
 - Motion to approve by Joe T and seconded by John M
 - There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote

2. Action and Discussion

- a) Pleasant St and Williams Ln improvements – Discussion of Nantucket Historical Commission
 - Mike B summarized the NHC letter's three options for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Pleasant St between Five Corners and Williams Ln, and requested the committee to select a preferred option
 - John M asked if option 3 would not have a grass buffer and if the existing tree were significant.
 - Mike B clarified that option 3 would remove the trees and replant trees behind the sidewalk and the NHC believes the existing trees are contributing to the character.
 - Joe T suggested a pilot of option 2 and then a selection between option 1 and 3.
 - Edwin C asked about encroachments.

- Mike B responded that encroachments may not have been sent to abutters.
 - There was general discussion of curbing types.
 - Holly B clarified that it was critical to retain existing aesthetics and character.
 - Art G mentioned the importance of follow up on encroachments.
 - Edwin C made a motion seconded by Joe T to request DPW address the encroachments on Pleasant St between Williams St and Five Corners.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Joe T made a motion and seconded by John M to support option 2 as recommended by the NHC.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.
- b) Proposed bylaw amendment for path speed limit and 3-bike class regulations
- Joe T summarized the draft warrant article and the reasons for speed limits on paths, class 3 e-bike restriction, requiring helmets, and increasing path width.
 - Edwin C suggested that all path users should be limited to 20MPH.
 - Joe T responded that it would be corrected.
 - Ian G tabled discussion for a future meeting when more members were present.
- c) Proposed driveway crossing of path at 62/64 Sankaty Road
- Art G shared driveway plans to be developed for lots 6 & 7 of these properties.
 - Joe T asked about a rumble strip at the apron to slow vehicles exiting the driveway.
 - Art G responded that it will be considered and reviewed with the property owner.
 - There was no action.
- d) Status of path stop sign removal
- Mike B discussed the concerns by DPW, Police, and Fire with removal of stop signs as recommended by BPAC.
 - Ian G said he would provide photographs to accompany intersections of concern along the four corridors initially reviewed.
 - Edwin C noted that pedestrians crossing outside of crosswalks is a safety concern.
 - Mike B clarified that crash reporting involving bicyclists may not capture every minor incident and would include property damage, serious injuries, or fatalities.

3. Other Business

- a) Committee Comment
- No Committee comments.
- b) Public Comment
- No public comments.

4. Adjourn

- The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:37PM

Submitted by:
Mike Burns