



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 19, 2024

At 3:30 PM

Via ZOOM

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Ian Golding (Chair), RJ Turcotte (Vice Chair), Edwin Claflin, Michel Kremer, John Mynttinen, Laura Walters

Members Absent: Joseph Topham

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Matt Fee

1. Administrative Items

- a) Call to order
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:39PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
 - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
 - There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote
- d) Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2024
 - Motion to approve by Michel K, seconded by Edwin C. There was unanimous approval of the agenda by rollcall vote.

2. Action and Discussion

- a) Continue discussion of path stop sign removals
 - Ian G and Michel K noted that they both shared comments on locations where stop signs should be removed.
 - Edwin C mentioned he is confused by how road types and ownership are defined and how they should be treated, noting that bicyclists should the right of way at a crossing and that some locations may require bicyclists should stop.
 - There was general discussion of private and public roadways and if signage should depend on context of the location.
 - There was discussions of the crossings along the Polpis Road path.

- Motion made by RJ T seconded by John M to accept the recommendations of Michel K for stop sign removals along the Polpis Road path. The motion was approved unanimously.
- There was discussion of the crossings along the Madaket Road path at the DPW driveway, Winn St, Dukes Road, Barrett Farm Road, and South Cambridge St.
- Ian G recommended stop signs removed on the paths be replaced with caution signs for users.
- Matt F noted that brush should be cut back vegetation as much as possible to improve sightlines and the intersection of Dukes Road at Madaket Road should be realigned to improve safety and sightlines.
- John M described a concern with replacing path stop signs with caution signs.
- RJ T responded that fewer stop signs and caution signs will be a safer crossing.
- Motion made by John M and seconded by Laura W to accept recommendations of Michel K for stop sign removals along Madaket Road with stop signs to be kept for path users at the Dukes Road intersection.
- There was discussion of the crossings along Milestone Road.
- RJ T left the meeting at 4:36PM.
- There was general consensus that Nobadeer Farm Road, New South Road, and Tom Nevers Road should continue to have a stop sign on the bike path.
- Motion made by Michel K and seconded by John M to accept recommendations of Michel K for stop sign removals along Milestone Road with Nobadeer Farm Road, New South Road, and Tom Nevers Road should continue to have a stop sign on the bike path. The motion was approved unanimously (RJ T was absent for the vote).
- There was general discussion of the crossings along Hummock Pond Road path at Bartlett Farm Road and Somerset Road.
- Motion made by John M and seconded by Laura W to accept recommendation of Michel K for stop sign removals along Hummock Pond Road with Bartlett Farm Road and Somerset Road to continue to have a stop sign on the bike path. Edwin C asked about the intersection of Hummock Pond Road and Milk Street Ext. Following discussion, the motion was modified to include stop signs on both path approaches to the Milk Street Ext intersection. The modified motion passed unanimously.
- Michel K asked for confirmation that path stop signs would be replaced with caution signs and that stop signs for the vehicle approaches to crossings be added.
- Ian G suggested that the exact signs to be used should be confirmed at a later date.

3. Other Business

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

4. Adjourn

- Motion by Michel K seconded by Laura W to adjourn. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:56PM

Submitted by:
Mike Burns