

## Minutes for Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022

Virtual meeting due to COVID 19

Attendees: Robert Russo, Virginia Raff, Lianne Herdle, Dan Buckley, David Wilkins, Michael Ahlijanian, Blythe Swift, Jeanne Morrissey

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.
2. Lianne Herdle will be stepping back from her current role to become an alternate and primarily concentrate on the master plan. Jeanne Morrissey made the motion for Lianne to be an alternate and it was seconded by David Wilkins, all were in favor.
3. Kristen Rosecrans - Nominated by Ginny Raff for the vacant seat on the committee and seconded by Jeanne Morrissey, all were in favor.
4. Old Business
  - Community Crosswalks: Jeanne reported there is no new news. The committee has created guidelines and policy for the painted community crosswalk that has been voted on and passed by the Board of Selectmen so this committee's responsibility has been fulfilled. We will wait to see how the town proceeds.
  - File Sharing: File sharing is working and available to all members.
  - Social Media: Jeanne reported that she is going to continue to do a few posts sporadically over the winter. Per Jeanne - Jeremy has offered to create a post re: bike patrol
  - Funding Update: Erin was not able to attend the meeting but sent an update that there was a meeting with BL companies to finalize the scope of the West Wharf, Post Road and Surf Club Road safety improvement study and it has now moved on for approval by by SCRCOG and CT DOT. We hope to see the project kick off by the end of the month and expect it to be completed by June 2023. There will be public information sessions during the process and it would be helpful for members of the committee to attend.
  - No additional updates on the Master Plan
  - North South Update: Michael is taking the lead on writing this and three of the four routes are drafted. After the 4th route is drafted Michael will make them all available to the committee.
  - East West Network: Ginny has submitted a letter to DEEP to formerly approve going through the eastern side of Hammonasset to get to Salt Meadow and hope to have a decision soon.
  - Schools: Lianne will be taking a step back from her role with the schools and Blythe and Kristen will be taking the lead with the schools sub committee with Claire's help.
  - Recreational Trails: John was not at the meeting for an update.
  - Public Works: There was a public information meeting regarding the sidewalks at Route 79, Woodland Road and Bradley Road with a lot of people supportive of the project. The engineer is moving forward with the final design phase of the project and hopes to begin construction next spring.
  - Open parking lots: Dan is suggesting we start to think about dates for next year for open parking lots. It was suggested and agreed to wait until the spring to do 2-3 open lots (once a month) with them culminating up to the Bike Rodeo. Dan is following up with Austin regarding availability of open lots
5. New Business

- Funding: David has suggested working with family foundation and funding sources to get additional money for the committee and checkin with Erin to see if there is a conflict with fundraising. David will review the budget and see which areas could be helped with funding. Also brainstorming ways to help get costs covered related to the Master Plan not covered by SCRCOG.
- AARP Grant for trishaws. Looking to find a liaison on this committee to work with Paul Sprague to implement the trishaw program and make roads more accessible for seniors.
- Schools: A suggestion was made for a liaison to the new elementary school committee to make sure a shared use path is included in the plans - Blythe Swift volunteered to be the liaison
- Dunkin Donuts/Ice Cream Update: Michael is taking the lead on building a relationship with Dunkin for sponsorship ideas and following up with Jeremy regarding how many ice cream certificates were handed out and how many we have left.

## 6. Adjournment