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Sandwich Bikeways & Pedestrian Committee

Date: April 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Address: Sand Hill Community Center, Dewey Ave., Sandwich MA, 02537

Present: Committee Chair: Sean Polay
Committee Members: Bryan Hallas, Daryl Crossman, Linda Shelburne, Peter Marancik, Josh McGuire, John Scott (alternate)
Town Officials/Employees: Paul Tilton, Sam Jensen, Charlie Holden
Public: Jeff Duffany (SMHS civics teacher) and students from civics class, Jennifer McGuire

Meeting called to order by Polay: 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- February 13, 2023, minutes approved unanimously with one change

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

- Jeff Duffany's Sandwich Middle High School civics class. Sam McIlvin introduced the class and explained their interest in the topic of bicycle and pedestrian safety, and their attendance at the meeting.
- Polay: Thanked the class for their interest and summarized the Committee's goals and accomplishments.

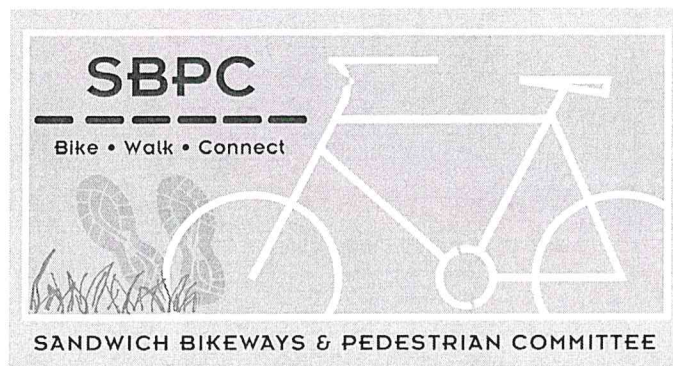
CLAIRE SALTONSTALL BIKEWAY SIGNAGE UPDATE

- Polay and Jensen: Attended a meeting last month with the Cape Cod Commission regarding updated signage along the Claire Saltonstall Bikeway route through town. Further discussion with CCC and consultant Toole Design is expected. May include evaluation of revising the route. More to come on this.
- Crossman: Asked if signage would require clearance from the Historical Commission. Polay thought roadway signage would not require this.
- Discussion among the Committee of current and possible re-routing within town.

MA VULNERABLE ROAD USERS LAW

- Polay: Attended a webinar summarizing the new MA Vulnerable Road Users law, see summary (attached). One requirement is to maintain 4 feet when passing a vulnerable user. Opened discussion of possibility of new signage in town to remind users of the requirement.
- Tilton: Could possibly add signs in similar locations as existing Share the Road signs, and would need to consider any historic district requirements. Suggested the town start





by taking the lead from the State DOT and see where/how they install signs.

- Polay: In future meetings would like to discuss working with the Town DOT on signage.
- Discussion of new law, including if it allows drivers to cross center line to pass if required to maintain 4 feet of separation. The new law does allow for that provided it's safe to do so. Polay will send link to the webinar summary.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN LISTENING SESSION

- Polay: Cape Cod Commission is hosting a Regional Transportation Plan Listening Session, this Thursday April 13, 6:30pm here at Sandhill School. Encouraged all to attend, at least virtually.

PROJECT UPDATES.

- Service Road Multiuse Path
 - Polay: He and Sam and Paul attended meeting last week with MADOT re. plan to connect multi use path to Rt. 130 and crossing of Rt. 6.
 - Tilton: Work is progressing but some challenges related to work over the natural gas main.
- Maple Swamp-Discovery Hill Connector
 - Polay: Connecting trails are complete. NEMBA is hosting its Spring Fling event at Oak Ridge the last week of April.
- Route 130/QMH Intersection
 - Jensen: Still working on right-of-way authorization to begin work. He summarized the planned improvements for the benefit of the civics class in attendance.
- Other Upcoming Projects
 - Jensen: There was a request for new pedestrian crossing of QMH, reminded Committee there will be a new pedestrian crossing of QMH at the Service Road SUP.
 - Polay: Hope to hear about the Mass Trails grant for next phase of feasibility study in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- Polay: Has noticed there is not an audible tone for the pedestrian crossing at Tupper Rd. and Rt. 6A and asked if there should be? Discussion that crossing is within the state/MADOT layout and is state jurisdiction.

Next meeting: May 8, 2023, 6:30pm, Sand Hill Community Center.

Adjourn: 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by John Scott

Date Approved: May 15, 2023