

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES January 20, 2022, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Susan Silk, Sara Rosenthal, Oliver Osnoss Rachel Baumrin.

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Rossi, Dan Doyle and Richard Dewitt.

ABSENT: Tony Omer, Tony Higgins.

Susan opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

DISCUSSION:

Dan Doyle discussion on design work for the bridge:

Dan explained of the 15k grant money available, 8k will be used for the bridge concept, that will hopefully be available next week. In the meantime, with the remaining funds he offered an idea to provide the idea of connectivity between Old County Road along a portion of State Road leading to Vineyard Haven. He suggested we could have an engineered assessment to improve a 1-mile section of the road. A suggestion was made to ask the MVC for a letter of support regarding that stretch of road. Dan said it would be a good item to include in the application to Mass Trails. A suggestion was made to ask the MVC for a letter of support regarding that stretch of road. Dan said it would be a good item to include in the application to Mass Trails. Jane mentioned she had spoken with Kurt Metell from Tisbury who mentioned that the Tisbury Complete Streets Committee ran through their initial funds and didn't continue as a committee.

Oliver asked if the 7k is for the scope of the connector path Dan confirmed it was for the 1-mile stretch. Rachel pointed out the path would travel in front of the new affordable housing development in Tisbury which would be a benefit. Dan asked if the new development was on the Trails M.V. app. Susan said that we would be spending money to show the state what the state can do on their road. Richard explained that the existing sup from Vineyard Haven to West Tisbury basically ends as a walking trail and eventually comes to a small parking area across from Old County Road on the other side of Stata Road. Susan ask if there was data available documenting how many people come to the island from various location throughout the Commonwealth. Dan said they have signed with a new platform that tracks cell phone pings but he was not sure of any current data. He said the Steamship Authority may have something. Susan pointed out that Mass Trails could deny us again. We need to be able to point out just how many people(cyclists) come here each season. Rachel wondered who she should contact regarding how many cyclist actually come over. Oliver said we need to figure out which side of the road the sup should be located and Dan said the town should make that determination.

Discussion with the Chamber of Commerce:

Richard said the Director was very enthusiastic regarding the plan to spread the word to all cyclists. She sent an email to Richard and Susan and wants to help. She wants the language for the public service announcement to go on the Chambers website. Susan said she was impressed with how much she knew, and pointed out that she is currently only the interim director for now. Susan stated that between 2004 and 2020 bike ticket sales went from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Richard said the Steamship Authority is on board with our plan to get information out there. Rachel said she knows someone who works at the Steamship

Authority and they have a kiosk in the terminal showing trails around the island. Regarding mapping, Richard said the B-Pack Committee needs to address mapping issues, and may need a sub-committee. They assess a cyclist experience rating system. Susan asked of the MVC was going to own this project and Richard said Bill Veno only has so much time to devote to it.

MINUTES:

Susan moved and Sara seconded the motion to approve the December 10, 2021 and December 23, 2021 minutes. Susan-yes, Rachel-yes, Sara-yes. Oliver-yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi

**Approved on February 15, 2022: Silk-yes, Rosenthal-yes, Osnoss-yes,
Baumrin-yes.**