

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES October 28, 2022, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Sara Rosenthal, Oliver Osnoss, Rachel Baumrin, Abby Bailey.

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Lester, Jane Rossi, Dan Doyle

ABSENT: Tony Omer, Tony Higgins

DISCUSSION:

● *Jane introduced Andrew Lester to the Committee.*

●Scope of the bridge design:

Oliver began by stating the committee has been disappointed with Howard Stein Hudson's renderings. He said dimensions need to be clearly marked on the plan. Dan said the width is the big issue but the height of a fence is simply a concept and not something that needs to be defined just yet. Jane mentioned that the bridge design should resemble the area we are proposing to alter. Oliver said he likes the bike bridge at Sweeten Water Farm because it is completely separated from the road.

A discussion ensued regarding the brook and how it runs parallel to the bridge in one section. Also, the brook is to be protected. Oliver mentioned there are anchors that can be bolted directly into the wetlands. Dan mentioned that a more gentle tapering of the pathway is needed from the bridge onto the roadway.

A stand-alone bike bridge would require a lot of clearing and perhaps some land takings. Also, abutting land would not be state funded and the town would have to kick in. Oliver said his position was that both plans should be used as options.

Oliver made a motion to approve both plans and Rachel seconded the motion. Oliver, yes, Rachel-yes, Sara-yes.

●Shared Use Paths:

Dan mentioned that the Tisbury Planning Board is conducting a listening session on their Master Plan regarding Open Space and Recreation at noon on November 7th.

Dan filled Andrew in on the proposal to install and sup on State Road A discussion ensued regarding connector paths across the island. Dan suggested contacting the BPAC Committee, Cheryl Dobel, Henry Stevenson and Bill Veno for more information. Also Trails MV may be helpful. Andrew Lester offered some suggestions regarding road crossings, stating that tunnels are used instead of bridges in many cases and they work very well. There was some discussion regarding which side of the road would be best for a path. The east side would avoid major grade changes while the west side is mainly clear of trees but not telephone poles. Oliver suggested the power lines be buried.

MINUTES:

The October 13, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Committee Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi

Approved on November 17, 2022