

Complete Streets Committee Minutes

December 19, 2018

Present: Tony Higgins, Rachel Baumrin, Berta Geller

Guests: Bill Venno, MVC, Marc Rosenbaum

Absent: Jane Rossi, Tony Omer, Katie Ruppel

Bill Venno's presentation. The Martha's Vineyard Commission is starting up the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee again chaired by Cy Shapiro. As part of a new Transportation Plan they want to include all modes of transportation. Bill Venno presented a map of a potential Shared Use Path (SUP) to augment the existing paths on the island. The path in many parts would be off the road and through existing paths that would need improvement but not pavement as many would be on Lank Bank property. Berta mentioned that our committee discussed the possibility of developing an off the road path from Vineyard Haven to Old County Road and the committee decided against it as they thought it would be a deterrent to the State developing an on the road bike path. She said we could revisit this decision. Rachel suggested that it may be a good short-term solution.

We reviewed the way we would direct bicyclist to get to the West Tisbury town center with signage on the State Forest SUP to take Elias Lane, cross Old County Rd to Scotchman's Lane, cross State Rd to Panhandle Rd to Music Street to town center. He suggested that we build a path on the Edgartown/West Tisbury Rd (E/WT) with a bridge over the Mill pond and cross the E/WT Rd to Sweet Lane to the library. We mentioned that we cannot use Complete Streets money on State Rds.

Old County Rd SUP. Bill reviewed what he knew about the easements on Old County Rd for a SUP and we looked at existing maps of Old County Road to see if the road's ROW was large enough to put a path on only the east side of the road. It appeared that for most of the road it was 58' wide until Scotchman's Lane.

We discussed bike lanes verses SUPs and agreed that for now we needed SUPs to serve the needs of all users. Bike lanes are usually accompanied by sidewalks for pedestrians.

Tasks: We need to contact Bill Hayne's about maps that have the actual SUP plans that were developed for town meeting. We also need to contact Dan Doyle (MVC) to discuss using the money that is left for West Tisbury to do engineering.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Minutes by Berta Geller