

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES December 23, 2021, 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Susan Silk, Sara Rosenthal, Oliver Osnoss.

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

ABSENT: Rachel Baumrin, Tony Omer, Tony Higgins.

Susan opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

DISCUSSION:

BPAC and Joint Transportation Committee discussion:

Richard Dewitt thanked Susan for attending both meetings. He commented that it was the most lively discussion they have ever had. He said the meetings don't generate a lot of participation but this meeting was good and people spoke up due to the interest in the topic. It was nice to see things coming together.

Richard mentioned that Mike Mauro from the JTC had stated there is \$28,000 in the budget for miscellaneous purposes and things need to get done. There will be a small group getting together to look at the current bike trail maps that need updating. He said the Steamship Authority has an island wide map that is outdated. The Chamber of Commerce has outdated maps that they won't replace until their inventory is gone. He said the MVC has created a brochure of what it is like to bike on MV. These are all good messaging tools. Trails MV and Sheriff's Meadow will update their trail apps in the first half of 2022. Richard said he has spoken with Adam Moore and suggested all SUP's be included on the maps, not just the trails in the State Forest. Susan commented that the information she is hearing is that the maps won't be ready for this season. She said she didn't get a sense from the JTC that the 7 steps that need to happen will actually take place. She said she is willing to go to other organizations to make things happen. Richard said that Mike Mauro said he would ask for an endorsement but Richard didn't understand what he meant by that.

Richard said he will meet with the Chamber of Commerce and the Steamship Authority. Susan suggested the JTC form a subcommittee to deal with the leg work.

Jane was asked to reach out to the Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and ask them to come to one of our meetings. She was also asked to contact Bill Venno and find out how we get a West Tisbury representative appointed to replace Berta on BPAC.

Susan said the laws allow for cyclists to be on the roads. She said she has spoken with her friends who feel cycling should be encouraged and people should bring their bikes to the island. That being said, the cyclists need to be aware of the best and safest routes to take. She said WMVY should have a regular public service announcement. Oliver asked if there is a unified map available that shows where the sup's *need* to connect. Signage is a must and brochures need to be available to the public. Susan suggested posters with a QR code on it. Susan asked if the JTC could provide some funding.

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Discussion about a Shared Use Path on North Road:

Richard said too many people are against the idea, and there are so many trees and stone walls. Dan Doyle said he has scoped it out and there is 3 to 4 feet of space outside of the fog line. The next step would be for an Engineer to produce something to present to the Chilmark Planning Board. Rich pointed out that North Road in West Tisbury has no posted speed limit at the West Tisbury end. It was stated that a speed study shouldn't have to be conducted.

North Tisbury Bridge:

Susan said the committee is going to prove to Mas DOT that there is a real risk when passing over the bridge. Oliver said he will video tape the traffic.

Mass Trails Grant Application:

The committee determined that the application should be sent as is with a date change and additional maps displaying clearly marked SUP's and any areas that would work as connector paths.

Jane was asked to get updated letters of support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi

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