

## **COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES May 30, 2019, 4:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Berta Geller, Oliver Osnoss, Rachael Baumrin, Tony Omer.

**ABSENT:** Tony Higgins.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sean Conley, Ned Robinson Lynch, Jeremy Berlin, Jane Rossi.

Berta opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

#### **Elias Lane:**

Sean Conley, a member of the Elias Lane road association explained that the road is not safe. He said it is a single lane, it is sandy and there are a lot of families with children. He pointed out that there is a blind curve at the entrance to the road which makes it difficult to exit safely. He said the members of the road don't recommend using Elias Lane as a route to get to the State Forest shared use path (sup). Tony Omer explained to Sean that Elias Lane wasn't singled out. He said the condition of the road is questionable and a selecting a paved road would be safer. Jeremy said they are happy to allow the road to be used but they don't want any definitive information posted that it is for public use. Rachel asked if they would be amenable to the pathway being located on a map. Jeremy was not in favor of the idea. He said it's only about 8 feet long and really doesn't need to be improved.

Sean mentioned that the pathways on Nat's Farm are passable but could use some hardener. He said that the paved paths on Edgartown Road are for bikes. He said there is also the path that runs through the ball field. Berta informed him that that path is on the prioritization plan.

Ned stated that if the committee should focus on connector paths, they should reach out to everyone on the road prior to planning and inform them that the goal is to make everyone safe. Rachel explained to Ned that we had people from Great Plains Road on our committee.

Jeremy asked where the Elias Lane situation stood. He was told that people will have to discover the connector path on their own and that the committee will not do anything to direct pedestrians to the path. Ted said that safety is number one. Rachel told Sean, Jeremy and Ned that the committee wants to expand the bike paths on Old County Road.

Sean displayed a map and stated that Rez Williams suggested there be a pathway behind the houses to the Mill Brook and Factory Pond to the library. He said there would have to be an easement and a small foot bridge would have to be erected over part of the brook. It was stated that there are new owners of the property that Factory Pond is on and they may not be amenable to granting an easement for pedestrians to walk and bike over their property.

#### **MV Land Bank:**

Jane reported that she received a phone call from Ian Peach of the Land Bank. Ian said that they had reviewed the committee's request for a pathway over their property across from the school. She said that the Land Bank was in favor of the project but it would have to be reviewed by the

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Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. She said that Ian had suggested that the committee contact MESA and explain the property and the proposed use; it may not trigger a full review. Jane said she would contact MESA.

**Old County Road:**

The committee reviewed the plan of the layout of Old County Road. Tony Omer stated that he believes there is ample room for shared use paths.

**MINUTES:**

Rachel moved and Berta seconded the motion to approve the April 15, 2019 minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**Bids:**

Berta stated that the bid that came in to survey Lambert's Cove Beach parking lot is too high. Dan Doyle is waiting for one other bid. Tony said that Greg Marcella will do it for \$1000. Jane was asked to contact him to get an official bid.

**Old County Road SUP's:**

Tony said that he doesn't know how accurate they are, but it appears to him that there is enough room on both sides of the road to install paths. Jane was asked to find out if the existing plan for Old County Road can be signed off on. Jane was also asked to ask Jen about bids on the crosswalk at the school.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi