

## COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES June 26, 2018 2:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Berta Geller, Tony Omer, Tony Higgins, Steven Nierenberg, Katie Ruppel and Jane Rossi

Berta opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

### DISCUSSION:

#### ● **Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Steve reported that he and Marc Rosenbaum met with the committee and had a very positive discussion. He said that Skipper Manter thought that the expansion of the LC Beach parking lot had been voted down at Town Meeting. He thought it was in the early 90's and suggested that Steve research the Vineyard Gazette. He said that there was a discussion regarding the bike path at the ball field that runs along the Scott's Grove affordable housing development. He said the committee seemed to be ok with where the path is located and they were on board with improving it.

Tony Higgins asked the board if they thought it was really necessary to expand the lot. He said adding more spaces will just invite more people to come to the beach. He said he didn't think it was a good idea to encourage more cars. He said it would be better to have a shuttle. Steve said the lot could be increased with the understanding that illegally parked cars will be ticketed. Tony Omer said calming traffic on Lambert's Cove Road was necessary and there should be more police presence.

The committee had a brief discussion about the pathway connectors at Otis Bassett Road and other roads in the vicinity. It was pointed out that the land is privately owned. The committee felt it would be good to connect from State Road along Old County Road to Edgartown Road. Berta said it would be good to draft a letter to the road associations stating the plans to connect the pathways.

The committee discussed the possibility of building a trail from Vineyard Haven to West Tisbury. There is a 3 mile pathway that already exists. Tony Higgins said it is a bit rough in some areas but it is all public domain until the end. Berta stated the unlikelihood that the town will ever get a paved bike path on State Road. She said we would have better luck going through the woods. Tony Higgins said there is a paved area that meanders within the right of way. Berta said the paths need to be widened and re-surfaced. She said that the Land Bank is not opposed to improvements as long as they are not paved. Berta suggested that Jane contact Bill Venno or Dan Doyle at the MVC because there may be a map of the pathway. Steve said he was more in favor of spending money to widen the road. 5 feet on each side of the road would make a difference. Berta said we will have to continue to stay on this with the state.

#### ● **Money from the Selectmen annually:**

Jane explained that the Selectmen have decided to donate funds that they will receive from the ~~town approved cab company~~ <sup>TNC Uber Fee</sup> to the Complete Streets Committee, The money is a portion of the company's annual earnings.

### **MINUTES:**

Steve moved and Berta seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

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**Further Discussion:**

- Berta suggested that the Board of Selectmen have a copy of the Complete Streets policy and prioritization plan.
- Tony Higgins said he would look into finding out if there is a bike official with the state.
- Berta said committee needs to be informed whenever anything having to do with the streets and ways is address with the Selectmen.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Berta Lilla". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jane Rossi".