

## **COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES July 20 2023 4:00 PM, pg 1**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Lester, Oliver Osness, Greg Pachico, Abby Bailey, Andrew Lester, Rachel Baumrin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Den Doyle, Jane Rossi

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Jane suggested that Andrew become the West Tisbury representative to the Bike and Pedestrian Committee, and the committee members agreed. She said she would discuss the idea with Jen Rand and get it moving forward.
- The committee discussed the lack of SUP's on the island Rachel said people are choosing other modes of transportation and the island needs to respond. We need connectivity to and from the school's first and foremost. A lot more people are riding bikes and we need helmet laws, electric bike charging stations and bike racks. Times are changing and we need to listen. Andrew said we need to figure out how to get people out of cars and onto shared use paths.
- The committee discussed placing small signs to direct pedestrians and cyclists to the SUP's. The committee was tasked with finding out where those locations should be.

#### **●North Tisbury Bridge:**

Dan stated that the response from the state regarding the committee's bridge plan was not encouraging, nor was it clear. He suggested a virtual meeting with the state to ask what they feel would work best for the location. Perhaps the town and the state can come to a mutual agreement. The committee needs details based on what the state requirements are. Jane said she would draft a letter to the state requesting a joint meeting. The letter should include the absence of traffic calming items that the state said they would put into place at the bridge location which hasn't happened.

#### **●Stoney Hill Road:**

Dan explained that Eversource is proposing to bury utility lines along Stoney Hill Road from Oak Bluffs to State Road in West Tisbury. He suggested it might be an opportunity to have the existing utility box relocated at the head of Stoney Hill Road to allow room for a shared us path.

- Abby reported that she contacted Kaylie Moore who is the Island representative for Dylan Fernandez and Julian Cyr. She said that Dylan wrote a bill regarding the use of the house in the State Forest which is currently pending. She said the "Friend of the State Forest" oversee the area and Connor Laffey is the Superintendent. She said the conditions of the paths is bad and need attention.

Abby mentioned that the town needs more of a push to get kids safely to and from school. She suggested communicating with the Parks and Recreation committee to work on a bike safety plan. Jane said she would reach out to Peggy Stone with the P&R Committee.

### **MINUTES:**

*Oliver made a motion to approve the June 22, 2023 minutes and Greg seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Rossi

**Unanimously approved on October 19, 2023**