

Fairfield Bike Pedestrian Committee Meeting

October 20, 2022

6:00 PM

1st Floor conference room

Independence Hall

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:07 PM

Members Present:

Mary Tomey-Streeto, Steve Gniadek, Tim Callahan, Tom Keane, Jay Behan, and Nate Rex

Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022 - Motion to approve by Nate Rex, seconded by Tom Keane, passed unanimously

June 21, 2022 - Motion to approve by Nate Rex, seconded by Tom Keane, passed unanimously

September 22, 2022 - Motion to approve by Nate Rex, seconded by Tom Keane, passed unanimously

There is no recording of this meeting

Committee and town department reports were exempted this month. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the future of this Committee. Various ideas and recommendations were presented and are outlined below.

Overall mission or goal is to make it safe for pedestrians, cyclists and non-motor vehicle users of the streets in town.

Meeting Structure

- Committee members assigned as liaisons to the various town departments which are involved or deemed essential to the work of the committee.
- Members take responsibility for follow up on items discussed in the meeting and include this in the minutes
- Establish sub committees for example a pedestrian and bike

There is a certain amount of frustration among members of the work of the committee not being utilized by the Town. For example it has taken nearly 1 year to complete the sidewalk infill project on South Pine Creek Rd. The town adopted a Complete Streets Policy however none of the committee members are sure if town departments are complying with the requirements. On a positive note the First Selectwoman met with the committee and asked for 3 or 4 objectives for the year indicating her interest in the work. All agreed on the need to follow up in a timely manner.

The Master Plan was developed 10 years ago. While it has served as a road map and a number of the recommendations have been implemented it is time for an update. A facilitator versed in this subject area ought to be engaged to assist in this undertaking. The Town ought to provide funding.

The City of Bridgeport – Sacred Heart University protected bike path project for Park Ave seems to have lots of potential. In other cities universities have played key roles in developing infrastructure. SHU continues to expand. They have a track record for getting things done.

Updating the Mater Plan could take most of the 2023. We need to identify projects that can be implemented quickly. It will help raise the visibility of the Committee.

Adjourn 7:35 PM