



Thursday, March 17, 2022

Recorded Webinar @ <https://fairfieldct.org/meetingrecordings>

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Sarah Roy

Committee Members Present: Mike Allen, Scott Craighead, Tom Keane, Nate Rex, Sarah Roy, and Richard Soldano.

Committee Members not Present: Steve Gniadek and Karen Secrist.

Others Present: Bill Hurley, Fairfield Town Engineer; Megha Jain, Fairfield Town Engineer; Santina Jaronko, Health Department; Emmeline Harrigan, Asst. Director Planning & Zoning.

Motion made by Mike Allen to approve the minutes from February 24, 2022, meeting which was seconded by Nate Rex and approved unanimously by the committee.

1. Chair's Introduction

- a. Sarah Roy opened meeting with a group icebreaker

2. Special Presentation – Emmeline Harrigan, Asst. Planning Director, Fairfield Planning & Zoning

- a. Emmeline provided overview overview of planning and zoning activities
- b. Emmeline explained updated planning Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and the need to bring in consultants needed specifically for writing grant applications
- c. Emmeline discussed on-going modified zoning regulations such as requiring bicycle and pedestrian access on properties fronting public rights of way
- d. Emmeline also discussed updated TOD (transit oriented development) that will create more mixed use properties. This includes more bicycle and pedestrian components such as sidewalks and bike lanes in areas such as around the Metro train station

3. Town Updates

a. Police Department update not provided.

b. Health Department Meeting update provided by Santina Jaronko.

- i. Santina indicated that the current State grant budget is \$11,095, which needs to be spent by end of September 2002 and that part of that funding can be used for signage for the proposed Greenfield Hills Bike Route.
- ii. Santina explained how grants might be available in the future for pedestrian and cyclist safety initiatives
- iii. Santina discussed the status of the Bike Share program bicycles, which were offered to Fairfield University but they declined the offer. The Health Department is considering alternatives, such as a bike share program for Town staff to use to travel in between municipal buildings.

c. Town Engineering provided by Megha Jain

- i. Megha updated the committee on the building of ADA-compliant ramps at crosswalk on Mill Plain Road I-95 highway ramps that will take place this April/May.
- ii. Mehgan discussed the sidewalk priority list updated by Marsillio.
- iii. Mehgan discussed how the town is now implementing the Complete Streets policy with the use of the checklist to evaluate design projects going forward
- iv. Mehgan provided an update on the work on the Grasmere/Post Road project which is in the planning stages and is scheduled to break ground in 2023.

d. Sustainable Fairfield and Forestry Committee updates not provided.

4. Committee Updates

a. Greenfield Hill Bike Route - Nate provided update on potential 18 mile Greenfield Hill bike route

- i. Route application was submitted to Fairfield Police Commission by Karen Secrist
- ii. Next step will be to submit it to the Health department for their review, Nate will send proposed route to Santina

b. 2022 Bike Rodeo - Mike Allen provided update

- i. Event to take place at Jennings Beach parking lot on Sunday, May 1st, from 9:00 AM to noon.
- ii. Event will be led by the Fairfield Police Athletic League and supported by area Cub Scout packs.
- iii. Free helmets to be provided by Yale New Haven Injury Prevention Program
- iv. The Health department will support the program with promotional items such as reflectors
- v. Bicycle & Pedestrian will provide table for survey opportunities as well as handout bike route maps.

c. Complete Streets Checklist Discussion - This discussion took place during the Town Engineering updates.

d. Bike Lane Discussion

- i. Sarah Roy discussed developing a survey to assess public interest in developing more marked bike lanes

5. New Business

- a. Sarah Roy announced the resignation of long-time committee member, Karen Seacrist.
- b. Sarah Roy announced the addition of Mary Streeto as a new committee member.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. made by Mike. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting minutes submitted by Mike Allen.