

Fairfield Bike Pedestrian Committee Meeting

November 17, 2022

6:00 PM

1st Floor conference room

Independence Hall

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Mary Tomey-Streeto, Steve Gniadek, Tim Callahan, Tom Keane, Jay Behan, and Jose Oromi

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

July 21, 2022 - Motion to approve by Jose Oromi, seconded by Mary Tomey-Streeto, passed unanimously

October 20, 2022 - Motion to approve by Tom Keane, seconded by Tim Callahan, passed unanimously

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

Call to order at 6:07 PM

Town Updates:

1. Bill Hurley, Engineering Dept. gave the Committee a historical background of his role in relation to the FBPC. In the past the, the Engineering Dept. and the FBPC have work together to enhance bike lanes and side walk. (Pequot Ave. & South Pine Creek) There has been some push back with residents in the South Pine Creek area in developing the sidewalk areas. Mr. Hurley mentioned that there were grants and funds to be allocated for these projects. It was mentioned that some of the projects could take a consider amount of time to start and complete in the time frame of 2 to 3 years plus.
2. Santina Jaranko, Health Dept. gave the committee a tutorial of the relation between the Health Dept. and the FBPC. In the past, the FBPC has relied heavily on the grants and funds obtain by the Health Dept. (in the amount of 10 to 15k) for new signage and other. Mrs. Jaranko looks forward in continuing the working relationship with the new committee of the FBPC.
3. Franck Deangelis, Fairfield Police Dept. address the Committee on what the Fairfield Police Dept. is working on in slowing down traffic in town. They are currently monitoring the Jackman Ave area (an area of concern) for speeding by having a police car in the area. Mr. DeAngelis mention to the committee that the Police Dept. was rotating the solar powered speed sign across town to provided awareness to resident about the automobile speed in their area.
4. Mary Hogue, Sustainable Fairfield Task Force and Fairfield Forestry Committee, went over past projects that were completed between the two committees and FBPC. Ms. Hogue noted that planting street trees is an essential component of the Fairfield Complete Streets policy and is helpful reducing speed of motorized vehicles and a traffic calming tool. She recommended that a FBPC member become involved with the SFTF and FFC to enhance agendas between the two committees and FBPC. She mentioned that because Fairfield is a certified Sustainable CT

community, FBPC can participate in a crowd-sourcing grant of up to 15k, which means the Town would need to raise 50% of the total funds. The Town recently received Climate Leader status through SustainableCT for their work done in mitigating climate change, and they are one of only 5 towns in CT to receive this designation. The work with FBPC was a reason for this award

- Steve Gniadek, Interim Chairman, felt after hearing the town updates that the new FBPC has a better understanding of what is expected and a general vision on how the Committee should proceed in the future.
- Steve Gniadek also proposed to not have a hard stop at 7:30 but at 8:00pm. This will allow for the Committee to meet for two hours when necessary.
- No all the points were covered in the November meeting and were tabled for the December meeting

Tabled Items:

Master Plan Status Update

Committee Charge

Bike and Pedestrian Sub-Committees

Finalize top 3-5 issues to the First Selectwoman

2023 Election of officers

2023 Meeting Dates

Adjourn 7:45 PM