

## Fairfield Bike Pedestrian Committee Meeting

June 15, 2023

6:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road

### Meeting Minutes

#### Committee Members Present:

Steve Gniadek, Chairman (SG), Tim Callahan (TC), Tom Keane (TK), Mary Tomey-Streeto (MTS), Dave Peck (DP), Tony Wellman (TW), Mike Allen (MA) (Joined meeting at 7:20)

#### Town Dept. Representatives Present:

Engineering – Bill Hurley (BH), Megha Jain (MJ)

Police – Sergeant Evan Kaesmann

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

#### Call to order at 6:00 PM

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve April 20, 2023 Minutes, passed unanimously.

#### Committee Updates & Discussion:

- As previous Minute-taker Jay Behan (JB) has resigned from Committee leaving void. SG did last Meeting Minutes; he drew names at random for taking Minutes for next several meetings: TW picked for June Mtg.; DP picked for July; Jose Oromi (JO) picked for August.
- Discussion of future guest attendees: Tony Hwang and Anya Mezak. The latter will attend July meeting and speak about the Bike Bus project. Hwang will speak on Vision Zero bill (drunk driving awareness) at a date to be determined.
- SG, TW Some discussion on dispersing of Committee messaging to public. TW noted best avenues to begin with are those with good extant followings, such as Police Department Facebook; Brenda Kupchick's Fairfield Update emails, etc. Develop these main arterial outlets first then explore others as may be needed and practical for time and resources. First steps include reviewing and reviving the Committee's Gmail account and applicable Town's email. SG: Revive Gmail account and city email account as first attempt.
- Update on Master Plan. SG Should include something about traffic calming; he will draft something. Seeks suggestions of streets from Engineering for piloting traffic calming measures.
- SG - Is there some way we can make people aware of Conn Code Sec 14-300c "Pedestrian use of roads and sidewalks" such as a flyer the police can hand out. TW: More public awareness needs to be generated; volunteers to write paragraph to run by Brenda and for possible distribution. Also via portable electronic road signs. EK - Maybe after July 4 period when portable rotating electronic signs are again available may be used for education

#### Town of Fairfield Engineering Dept. Updates:

- BH, Sent letter of support preventative health strategies application. Various grants in process mentioned. Crosswalks discussions followed including structural details (e.g., flashing beacons) for mid-block crosswalks such as in front of St. Paul's Church (Old Post Road) and other locations. Status of sidewalks improvements reviewed. Sidewalk & pedestrian improvements upcoming grants at: Round Hill, Reef Road, Post Road Circle East, King's Highway. Updates on progress of pedestrian improvements for Unquowa Road/Post Road intersection. Post Road Traffic circle design grant received. MJ: Traffic analysis has to be done before design is completed. BH: South Pine Creek Road sidewalk progress.
- MJ: Old Post Road sidewalks completed. Crosswalks are being proposed at Mill Plain and I95 by Engineering Dept. Hoping to begin work this July. Should take about 1 month.

- Villa Avenue speeding issues: bypassing lanes. Fog lines installed but still problems. Still working hoping to install Bollards for traffic calming in July.
- Investigating various resident requests in Riverfield School area.
- Southport resident Chris Jennings wants to implement traffic calming measures in Pequot Avenue area. Dept investigating.
- Traffic Calming approaches discussed (e.g., rumble strips.) Seeking solutions that both calm traffic and which are not opposed by residents for noise issues.
- SG – “Why don’t we try more pilot programs?” MJ: Villa Ave is a good place for testing solutions because of its layout and it is less residential “July is a good period for us for testing.”
- Speed cameras discussed.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by Tony Wellman**