

Fairfield Bike Pedestrian Committee Meeting
April 20, 2023
6:00 PM
1st Floor Conference Room
Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Steve Gniadek(SG), Tom Keane(TK), Mike Allen (MA), Dave Peck (DP), Tony Wellman (TW)

Also in attendance:

Santina Jaranko(SJ), Health Dept., Bill Hurley(BH), Megha Jain (MJ), Engineering

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

Call to order at 6:08 PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve March 16, 2023 minutes, passed unanimously.

Town of Fairfield Dept. Updates:

- SJ stated the Health Dept application for the Preventative Health Block Grant (approx. \$15k) is now a 70 page application due June 2nd and is now competitive and will be awarded for a 5 year period. It was decided to proceed with the application. Need to identify small projects which can be funded with the grant. SG asked if Traffic Calming measures could be covered by the grant. He suggested incorporating into the Master Plan. BH will provide a list of practical measures of traffic calming at next meeting
- BH indicated Mill Plain Rd entrance ramp to I95 design is 75% done, Need DOT approval to crosswalks which needs 100% handicap access . This project will be the first one completed on the list, followed by Post Rd/Unquowa, South Pine Creek, Stratfield Rd, and Round Hill Rd

Committee:

- SG suggested the Master Plan be reviewed annually by the committee. SJ indicated It has been done in prior years, but not for the last few years. BH mentioned the plan changes based on specific areas requiring attention, based mostly on residents requests (e.g., Villa Ave)
- TK suggested the committee needs to have specific "pilot" projects to focus on, such as a protected bike path
- SG encouraged members to try to participate in the Bike Rodeo
- TW volunteered to be the Communications coordinator for the committee. He will look into the various social media avenues available to the committee. Also, potential use of programmable electronic road signs. Would like to provide something to be included in Brenda K. bi-weekly email update on the Town
- Discussion on BIRD scooters. Safety concerns were voiced by members

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully submitted by Steve Gniadek, Chairman

