

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

In-Person and Hybrid Meeting

Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Charley LaFlamme at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Charley LaFlamme, Paul Jean, John Marzinzik, Bruce Byorkman

Welcome to John Marzinzik as the newest member of the committee.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the January 18, meeting minutes as submitted. Motion by Bruce, seconded by Paul. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Unfinished Business

1. MDOT Village Partnership Initiative (VPI)
 - Use of ARPA funds for initiative were approved by the Select Board last June.
 - Town Manager was scheduled to meet with Maine DOT Regional Planner Stephen Cole on January 27, 2023.
 - Overview document focuses on congestion, crosswalk locations and safety, loading zones, and Beach Street traffic issues including a sidewalk on the south side of Beach Street.
2. Slowing Down Motor Vehicle Traffic
 - Charley proposed that the Ogunquit speed limit should be lowered to 25 mph town wide. Today the speed limit is 30 mph on North Village Road, and 35 mph on Route 1 north of Scotch Hill, otherwise 25 mph.
 - Maine DOT controls the speed limit on any road that it maintains or subsidizes infrastructure, such as bridges – that is more than just Route 1 and Shore Road.
 - Focus on the first priority to reduce the speed on North Village Road to 25 mph.
3. National Bike Summit – Hybrid/In-Person, March 26-29, 2023
 - Let Charley know if you are interested in attending remotely.
4. League of American Bicyclists – Bike Friendly Community Application
 - Next application cycle will be February 2024.
 - Charley to ask Ben to print out application.

5. Obed's Lane Concern/Berwick Road Sidewalk
 - Pedestrian safety concern on busy cut-through street with no sidewalk. Obed's Lane narrows and has limited line-of-sight visibility with a curve and hill at Main Street making for a dangerous situation.
 - Tom Torno has added to his proposed FY'24 budget to construct the sidewalk on the north side of Obed's Lane and a sidewalk on Berwick Road from South Street to Spring Hill Road. Funding would need to be approved in the June 2023 warrant before construction could begin.
 - Concern over the sidewalk has been expressed by some neighbors.
 - Chief Lizanecz to review Obed's Lane blind speed study at next meeting.
 - The Chief will check with Jim Tassé on recommended signage that could be utilized until the sidewalk is completed.

6. Speed of eBikes and Micro Mobility Vehicles in Bike Lanes and Sidewalks
 - eBikes, electric Scooters, Onewheels, electric skateboards, hoverboards.
 - Foreign worker education. Should connect with Chamber to see what is planned for 2023. Ramsey volunteered to produce two-minute safety training video or use what the Bicycle Coalition of Maine has developed.
 - Wheels and Waves is nearest location that rents such equipment. Should check with them on what instructions and information they provide to renters.
 - Maine Bicycling Education Council made up of representatives from Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Cycling Savvy and other cycling organizations mostly in the Portland area. Charley asked to join and wants to focus on micro mobility.

7. OPD Distribution of Bike Lights and Reflective Bands
 - Discuss with Chief Lizanecz.

8. New RRFB on Main Street at Panache -- Tracking
 - Ogunquit Public Works has received the two RRFB's and will install them in the spring.

9. LED Lighting - Tracking
 - Installation of LED streetlights on Main Street is now be complete. Need to check previously defined crosswalks.

New Business

None

Other Business

1. Meeting with Town Manager (at 11:30 a.m.)
 - April 19, 2023
 - June 21, 2023

2. Next meeting date: March 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- Rebecca Fox spoke about the Obed's Lane sidewalk construction project. The Committee is unaware of any report provided by the former Police Chief indicating accident history on Obed's Lane. The Committee's concern came from

a message to the Town Manager from an Obed's Lane citizen concerned about the lack of a sidewalk and pedestrian safety.

- Wendy Levine spoke about the Obed's Lane sidewalk construction project and lack of notification to abutters.
- Hunt Henrie spoke about the Obed's Lane sidewalk construction project and concern over all of the heavy equipment without notification. He also recommended that speed bumps be placed on Obed's Lane to slow down traffic. Charley indicated that the Committee would investigate that.

Adjournment

- MOTION To adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Motion by John, seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Byorkman
Secretary