

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 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, John Cavaretta, Paul Jean, John Marzinzik, Priscilla Botsford, Bruce Byorkman

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the February 15, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion by John Marzinzik, seconded by Paul Jean. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Unfinished Business

1. MDOT Village Partnership Initiative (VPI)
 - Town Manager has been meeting with Maine DOT Regional Planner Stephen Cole on scope. Update from Town Manager in April.
 - 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
 - Focus on the first priority to reduce the speed on North Village Road to 25 mph.
 - Discuss with Chief Lizanecz at next meeting use of speed limit signs and cameras for enforcement.
 - Priscilla raised possibility for a joint project with Conservation Commission for beach or town-wide clean-up day.
 - Charley to send Priscilla York's "Adopt A Highway" program information.
3. National Bike Summit – Hybrid/In-Person, March 26-29, 2023
 - John Marzinzik would like to attend in-person. Charley to work with Town Manager on funding.
4. League of American Bicyclists – Bike Friendly Community Application
 - Ben printed out application.
 - Ben to send electronic version of application to Committee.
 - Bruce to assist with preparation of application.

5. Obed's Lane Sidewalk/Berwick Road Sidewalk
 - \$85,000 funding request for the sidewalk on the north side of Obed's Lane and a sidewalk on Berwick Road from South Street to Spring Hill Road would need to be approved in the June 2023 warrant.
 - Concern over the Obed's Lane sidewalk has been expressed by some neighbors.
 - Chief Lizanecz to review Obed's Lane blind speed study.
 - Discuss with Chief Lizanecz signage and traffic calming strategies at next meeting to lower traffic speed on Obed's Lane.
6. Speed of eBikes and Micro Mobility Vehicles in Bike Lanes and Sidewalks
 - 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.
 - Hope to learn more about micro mobility at National Bike Summit.
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. Check with Town Manager in April on approximate timing.
9. LED Lighting - Tracking
 - Installation of LED streetlights on Main Street is now complete. John Cavaretta looked at crosswalks that were previously reported as too dark and thought the concerns were resolved by the brighter LED lights.
 - Remove from future agendas.

New Business

Other Business

1. Meeting with Town Manager (at 11:30 a.m.)
 - April 19, 2023
 - June 21, 2023
2. Next meeting date: April 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- Wendy Levine spoke about the Obed's Lane sidewalk construction project and lack of notification to abutters. She indicated that she did not blame the Bike/Ped Committee for her concern and doesn't believe a sidewalk is necessary. She asked the Committee to explore how to calm traffic in other ways to make it safer for pedestrians. She also expressed concerns over water run-off.
- Leslie Wilcott-Henrie disagrees that a sidewalk will make the Obed's Lane safer. Spoke about how Agamenticus Road has "25 MPH" stenciled on the street and that and other traffic calming strategies should be applied to Obed's Lane first.

- Craig Weiner also disagreed that a sidewalk will make Obed's Lane safer and that it would be a real mistake to continue the effort to build a sidewalk.

Adjournment

- MOTION To adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion by John Marzinik, seconded by Paul Jean. Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Byorkman
Secretary