

Fairhaven Bikeway Committee - Minutes July 29, 2020 - **Final**

Submitted with vigor by Mat Coes

Meeting casually called to order at 7:10p. Members met via Zoom, accomo meals and family via mune
Meeting was broadcast on FairhavenTV and Facebook.

Members present: Lois Callahan, Mat Coes, Bob Espindola and Justin Gledhill. We were joined by
Director of Planning & Economic Development, Paul Foley

No previous meeting minutes were available for approval. They could not have been that important.

*Treasurer's report added 8/3/20: Bikeway Committee Gift Account balance as of 8/3/20 - \$2,917.04

The Committee ha not met in a few years. The meeting began with a breathtaking overview of the
committee's history, accomplishments and current projects by Mat Coes. Bob Espindola and Lois
Callahan helped with recollections and admonishments.

Mat Coes briefed the committee on the status of committee-related projects via Vinny Furtado, our
valiant Public Works Superintendent. The MassDOT Safe Routes to School construction grant for work at
Sconticut Neck Road is scheduled for work in 2021.

Bike path resurfacing is planned as a 3-phase project beginning to the East as part of the DPW's Parks
Department Capital Plan pending approval by Town Meeting in the Fall.

Paul Foley gave the committee an overview of the Complete Streets program and how it can impact the
town. Complete Streets is a state program and certification designed to provide safe and accessible
travel options for users of all ages and abilities. The Town has received a grant from the Community
Compact Best Practices Program to adopt a Tier 1 Policy and Tier 2 Prioritization Plan. Once these are
adopted and approved the Town becomes eligible for funding to implement. These projects will bring
many benefits for walking and biking in town. This is going to be awesome.

Mat Coes stepped down, with grace and honor, as Chair of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee. Lois
Callahan was unanimously, if reluctantly elected Chair, Mat Coes Vice-Chair and Justin Gledhill Secretary.

Meetings will occur the Last Wednesday of each month by gum.

Next meeting scheduled for August 26th, 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm. Why do these always take so long?