



The Wellfleet Bike & Walkways Committee Virtual Meeting – Zoom

Friday, February 12, 2021 at 12 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Pete Cook, Rebecca Brodwick Noble, Ned Oliver, Lance Miller, and Christie O’Campbell

Members Absent: none

Town Representatives:

1. *Call to Order*: Pete calls the meeting to order at 12 pm.
2. *Administrative matters*
 - a. *Near-term committee meeting calendar*: The committee plans to meet bi-weekly, until March 26th at which point the intention is to move to monthly or every other month meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2021 at 7pm, which will also serve as a Wellfleet Community Forum.
 - b. *Meeting rules to invite public comment*: The committee invites public comment and input at the end of each agenda item with a one-minute limit for each speaker. We welcome more feedback through email, as well as proposals to the committee that can become future agenda items.
3. *Approve minutes from committee meeting on Friday, January 29, 2021, 9:00 am*: Members present voted 4-0 to approve the minutes.
4. *Committee organization*
 - a. *Review committee’s official charge*: Pete read the Committee Charge that is posted on the [website](#) and is Attachment 1 of these minutes.
5. *Bikeway route through Wellfleet to Truro*
 - a. *Report from Truro Bike and Walkways Committee Meeting, February 8, 2021*: Pete reported he had presented the Truro Committee with an overview of the upcoming analysis of alternatives, including the draft methodology, draft goals and objectives, and a discussion of the overall bikeway issue. He requested the Truro committee’s inputs and comments, which were supportive. One member of the Truro Committee expressed specific interest in how alternative bikeway routes might connect with the existing Claire Saltonstall bikeway in Truro. The coordination with the Truro Committee indicated the two town committees are similarly interested in seeing the potential for a connecting bikeway fully explored to determine what alternatives are most feasible.
 - b. *Review of draft goals and objectives for the analysis*: An outline of the draft goals and objectives was reviewed by the committee. The list, which appeared on the Zoom conference screen, showed the title of each objective rather than the entire text; usually the text has been shown in each meeting so the outline version was shown this time for the sake of brevity. Two questions came from the public: Tom asked for clarification of how abutters’ privacy issues are covered in the “adjacent property” objective; Pete read the detailed description of that objective: “**Objective 4.c: Adjacent property**. The path will minimize adverse effects on adjacent private

property. The expected path construction will minimize negative impacts on the views, noise levels, and ambient light experience of abutters or others who can view or hear the path.” A question was raised by Ryan, who asked how commuter cyclists are considered in the analysis. Commuters are mentioned in Objective 3.a, Accessibility, as a user type whose needs must be met. However, based on meeting discussion when this question was raised, a new analysis objective has been drafted to explicitly address the needs and interests of commuter cyclists, as follows: “**Objective 3.d: Purposive user experience.** In addition to serving recreational users, the path will support non-recreational users who intend to arrive at a destination—workers going to their jobs, people attending classes or meetings, shoppers, and people transporting goods.”

- c. *Preparation for Wellfleet Community Forum on Feb 15, 2021:* The objectives of the forum were discussed: Most notably, to inform the public of the Committee’s work and to seek public inputs regarding alternative bikeway routes, and also regarding analysis goals and objectives.
 - d. *Other route issues:* None.
6. *Other bikeway and walkway issues in Wellfleet:* None.
7. *Adjournment:* Pete makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Attachment 1: Bike and Walkways Committee Charge

Bike and Walkways Committee, bikeandwalkways@wellfleet-ma.gov

CHARGE

The Bike and Walkways Committee is hereby established to consider ways to provide safe areas for biking and walking. The Board of Selectmen believes that these activities should be available seasonally and year-round as they are an important means of local transportation, are popular activities in the town, and promote good health.

The Bike and Walkway Committee is charged with the following tasks:

1. To work with the Cape Cod National Seashore, the Towns of Provincetown and Truro and the Cape Cod Commission to establish the continuation of the bike trail northward into Provincetown.
2. To prepare a plan for future bike and walking routes throughout the town of Wellfleet.