



The Wellfleet Bike & Walkways Committee Virtual Meeting – Zoom
Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9 am
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Pete Cook, Rebecca Brodwick Noble, Ned Oliver, Lance Miller

Members Absent: Christie O’Campbell

Other Town Representatives Present: Michael Hurley, Wellfleet Chief of Police.

1. *Call to Order:* Pete calls the meeting to order at 9:01.
2. *Discussion with Wellfleet Chief of Police Michael P. Hurley:* Chief Hurley offered his department’s support to the Committee’s work to identify a successful alternative that will provide a safer alternative for bikers, including assigning an officer, if requested, as a resource for the committee. Police are likely called to respond to 80-90% of all traffic accidents that occur in Wellfleet, and the department has records from 2007 on. Anecdotally, Chief Hurley commented that a large majority of accidents (approximately 100 on record since 2007) in Wellfleet occur on Route 6. The Police Department can refine the data by month, season, location, etc.

Public comment: Steve, member of the public, offered to use Scribble Maps to illustrate the data on maps if the Committee opts to select Scribblemaps as a tool. David, member of the public, asked Chief Hurley about Old King’s Highway, and he responded that he would leave that to the committee since all the options seem to be on the table; though there is no “perfect” alternative, the priority is to find the best alternative to Route 6.

Chief Hurley mentioned that it looks like Phase One (DCR’s extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail from the South Wellfleet terminus Northward to Wellfleet Hollow Campground) will be starting work in March or April 2021, and he emphasized the benefit of clear communication.

Public comment: A public member suggested that although the Committee is identifying alternatives starting at the intersection of the railbed and Old County Road, it should perhaps expand its view to consider routes starting anywhere beyond where DCR is planning to pause.

All the Committee members expressed gratitude to Chief Hurley for his participation and contributions during the meeting.

3. *Administrative matters and Committee Organization*
 - a. *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.
4. *Approve minutes:* February 12 and February 15 (Public Forum) minutes are in process. To be approved at the next meeting, on March 12.
5. *Committee organization*

- a. Review committee's official charge:* Pete reads the official Bike and Walkways Committee Charge that is posted on the [website](#) and below (see *Attachment 1*).
6. *Bikeway route through Wellfleet to Truro*
 - a. Status of analysis scoring criteria:* Lance explains that the criteria allows anyone to look at a path and quantifiably measure on a scale of 1-5 (poor to good) the achievement of objectives listed under each of the goals developed by town feedback and research. "Draft Methodology for analyzing alternative bikeway routes through Wellfleet to Truro" (*Attachment 2*) is screen shared. Lance describes the weighting process created to communicate the priority of each goal. The weights can be easily changed to compute varied priorities. The identification of scoring criteria is going well, and a draft list will be ready for committee review soon.
 - b. Status of alternative routes list:* Alternatives considered in the past (many of which were left at "need further study") and routes collected through public input are currently being entered into a database. A large number of potential alternatives have been identified; many of them share segments. Therefore, we are breaking the alternatives down into segments (over 70 at this point) so they can be considered independently as separate elements, further removing potential bias for or against any route.
 - c. Mapping tools:* Rebecca had initial contact with the Cape Cod Commission and the DOT. The Cape Cod Commission has offered free technical assistance, and both the Commission and DOT recommended particular GIS systems. The Cape Cod Commission's mapping program has data layers that include private property and grade, it can map segments, and has varied levels of accessibility (from private to public). Lance named next steps as testing the program out. Rebecca will share the link. Steve, community member, also commented that he has a promising program called Scribblemaps, and offered his assistance. A community member inquired about the possibility of a map with three functions: identifying hiking, biking and mountain biking trails. The committee referred to the mission statement for the analysis, (*Attachment 3*) and welcomed the idea for future exploration. Steve, community member, asked questions about the original DCR plan.
7. *Other bikeway and walkway issues in Wellfleet:* none.
8. *Adjournment:* Pete makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am.

Attachment 1: Bike and Walkways Committee Charge

Attachment 2: Methodology for analyzing alternative bikeway routes through Wellfleet to Truro

Attachment 3: Vision and Mission Statement

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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.

Attachment 2: Methodology for analyzing alternative bikeway routes through Wellfleet to Truro

Methodology for analyzing alternative bikeway routes through Wellfleet to Truro

What is important

G Goals are general statements of what to achieve.

O Objectives mark specific progress towards achieving the goals

Goal 1
Worth 35%

Goal 2
Worth 25%

Goal 3
Worth 25%

Goal 4
Worth 15%

Objective 2. A
worth 40% of Goal 2
 $25\% \times 0.4 = 10\%$

Objective 2. B
worth 20% of Goal 2
 $25\% \times 0.2 = 5\%$

Objective 2. C
worth 40% of Goal 2
 $25\% \times 0.4 = 10\%$

Objective 2. C will
determine 10% of
total bikeway score.

What to measure

C Criteria are measurable elements of objectives.

Criteria 2.C.1
worth 40% of Obj 2.C
 $10\% \times 0.4 = 4\%$

Criteria 2.C.2
worth 30% of Obj 2.C
 $10\% \times 0.3 = 3\%$

Criteria 2.C.3
worth 20% of Obj 2.C
 $10\% \times 0.2 = 2\%$

Criteria 2.C.4
Worth 10% of Obj 2.C
 $10\% \times 0.1 = 1\%$

How to score a route

Rate the route against each
criteria on a 1-to-5 scale (low-to-
high), then multiply each rating by
the criteria's weighted value.

If criteria 2.C.3 is rated a 3, then
its score is $2\% \times 3 \text{ pts}/\% = 6 \text{ pts}$

If criteria 2.C.4 is rated a 4, then
its score is $1\% \times 4 \text{ pts}/\% = 4 \text{ pts}$

Minimum possible cumulative score is 100 pts
Maximum possible cumulative score is 500 pts

100 percentage points are divided amongst the
analysis goals, then objectives, then criteria in turn
Note: The percentages and weights shown are
purely for demonstration purpose.

Attachment 3: Vision and Mission Statement

Vision -- the "why do this" statement for the analysis

Determine the best connecting route from the Cape Cod Rail Trail through Wellfleet to Truro.

Mission -- the "how and what" statement for the analysis

Use an objective methodology to analyze route alternatives to plan a primary or 'spine' route through Wellfleet that extends to Truro from the Cape Cod Rail Trail intersection with Old County Road. The route will attract cycling and walking on the Outer Cape, promote the town's best interests, and accommodate an interconnected bicycle and pedestrian network linking the towns of Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown with the Cape Cod Rail Trail, Cape Cod National Seashore, and other destinations within the three communities.