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Bike, Pedestrian, Traffic and Safety Committee

Wednesday January 11, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Orleans Police Station Training and Meeting Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chair, Alice Van Oot. Scott MacDonald, Geof Deering, Mefford Runyon, Tom Daley, Doug Prentiss, George Meservey, Stephanie Gaskill, John Altieri, Peter Allgeier, and Lindsey Goodman present. Ron Trudeau also present. Kazmira Nedeau not present.
2. Public comment – No one in attendance.
3. Communications – None received.
4. Approve Minutes of November 9: motion to approve by Peter, seconded by Chief Deering. Unanimously approved. Minutes of December 14: motion to approve by George, seconded by Lindsey. Unanimously approved.
5. Review/ Status of December 14 Action Items:
 - Namskaket Rd speed concern (Scott) – Scott reviewed the speed data and noted that it does not appear to be a problem according to statistics.
 - District 5 requests: timing for pedestrians at cross walk 6A and Main; Pedestrian light at 6A and Baker's Pond rd. – Letter needs to be written to State. Doug Prentiss prepared a letter and will send it on to George Meservey to formalize for signature and submission.
6. Update of DPW roadway projects (Tom):
 - Main Street concept plan and cross section review – Tom Daley presented concept sketches. Discussion noted some good possibilities for further consideration.
 - Rail Trail connection status – Paved and putting up guardrails.
 - Eldredge Park Way flashing light – Lights have come in although brackets have not come in. Tom Daley will check on this.
 - Old Colony Flashing beacon – Price came in over budget additional funds are needed to move forward.
 - Other – None.
7. Discussion of raised crosswalks on Old Colony: pros and cons – Old Colony is in design and moving to the next steps of design. The general consensus at the moment regarding raised cross walks is that these would not be needed since the design will have bump outs and other strategies to reduce speed. The committee noted that they might be useful in other areas such as Main Street in the village. Discussion regarding whether they make it difficult for bikers. Alice will contact MassBike to get opinion on how these effect bikers if at all.
8. Speed table and speed hump standards and guidelines, next steps as needed. Doug suggested that we have Attorney Mike Ford review the current draft to make sure there are no

legal issues before submitting to the Select Board. He also suggested members read past minutes of Traffic and Parking meetings from 2 years ago to get more info on the discussions when these were first drafted.

9. Complete Streets Funding Program: Orleans status and next round application dates. George noted that the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan was approved in June 2021 and does not expire – Orleans is a Complete Streets town. Next cycle for funding application is October/November. We will be looking to fund work on Old Colony with Complete Streets funding from MassDot.
10. An Act to Reduce Traffic Fatalities: Strategies to educate the community on this new legislation and enact the safe measures in Orleans. – Chief MacDonald suggested asking Mia Baumgarten from Town Hall if she can create a video to put on Channel 18 and social media platforms. Peter Allgeier suggested reaching out to High School driver's ed. Lindsay Goodman will reach out. All agreed education is needed around this new Act.
11. Other business – Ron Trudeau and DPW got new signs for Daily Terrace. It appears the signs are working. Alice Van Oot submitted the revised Charge to the Select Board and Town Admin. Acceptance of the Charge has been delayed. The response was that the Traffic and Parking Committee was a Town Meeting creation, so there is a question as to whether the Traffic and Parking Committee and the Bike and Pedestrian Committee can be combined. Scott and George do not see this as a problem. Meff will look into it.
12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Chief MacDonald, seconded by Doug. Unanimous at 10:26 a.m.