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ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

## Transportation and Bikeways Advisory Committee

Wednesday July 12, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

### Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM by Alice Van Oot, Chair. Scott Macdonald, Geof Deering, Doug Prentiss, George Meservey, Mike Solitro, Stephanie Gaskill, Meff Runyon, Tom Daley, and John Altieri also present. Lindsey Goodman and Kazmira Neadeau absent.

Also in attendance: Nauset Middle School Facilities Manager: Bob Caperso, Resident: Len Short  
Town Manager: Kim Newman, Select Board Chairperson: Michael Herman

2. Michael Herman attended with our new Town Manager Kim Newman so she could meet the Committee.
3. No additional public comment.

4. Communications:  
Letter to Police Chief Macdonald from Gilbert Payson regarding dangerous conditions for dog walkers on Barley Neck Road by #197 near the town landing. Recognition that this was a difficult stretch with a blind curve. Tom Daley will visit the site to see if anything could be done.

5. Approval of minutes of June 14 meeting. Moved by George Meservey, seconded by Scott Macdonald.  
Unanimous approval

(Skip to Agenda item 6 to accommodate our visitor).

1. Discussion of proposed safety guardrail by the parking area at the top of the hill at the ballfield at Nauset Regional Middle School. Middle School Facilities Manager Bob Capreso is in full agreement it is badly needed. Bob Capreso, Tom Daley, and Geof Deering will meet to review a previously designed guard rail with 2 walkway openings and will provide an update at our next meeting. Funding is not currently in place but will be pursued with both the school district and Firebirds.
5. Citizens requests: These are inquiries sent to the Committee by email.
  - Consider a bike path or bike lane alongside Route 28 from downtown Orleans to South Orleans. Elizabeth Gorman was not able to be present for a discussion of the problems that exist on State Road Route 28. She is very interested in pursuing this as an option for travel and will attend at another time.
  - Consider speed tables or bumps on Kescayoganset. Len Short described the problem with overgrowth and speeders and requested town intervention such as trimming of growth where it effects visibility or side of road access for walkers and/or possible speed bumps. Tom Daley is taking it under advisement. Alice Van Oot also discussed Monument Road and Crystal Lake pedestrian dangers and possible remediations.
  - Speed concern and radar display request for Skaket Beach Road. Mike Keohane was not present for a discussion on possible remedies for the speeding problem on Skaket Beach Road but had sent an email outlining the concerns. The current plan is to install a speed table, then measure its effectiveness to determine what other measures are required. Alice Van Oot will correspond with Mike Keohane.
  - Speed analysis of Portanimituc Road. Sue Snider was not present to discuss her concerns. Scott Macdonald committed that a speed analysis will be done on Portanimituc Road.
  - 76 Rock Harbor Rd: Request to install "blindspot mirror" on town land across the road. Martin Brent was not present for the discussion about Rock Harbor Road. Since it is not a laid-out road there is

no town owned land since all land abutting the road is privately owned. Alice Van Oot will respond to Martin Brent's request.

- Speed concerns for Skaket Road. Karen Mellor submitted a request to have a specific area of Skaket Beach Road monitored for speeding. Scott Macdonald will respond to Karen Mellor to determine placement of monitor.
2. Overland Way trail is not yet complete due to contractor delays. Tom Daley is monitoring the project closely. Alice asked that we plan an opening once it is complete and also work to create signage by the CCRt so that travelers will know there is a new route to the rte 6A area and to Bakers Pond. She will ask Kaz if she might be able to help with a design for a fiberglass sign similar to the signage by the OCT pull off by Namskaket Marsh.
  3. CPA Funding: Potential projects for August submission. No projects were identified as candidates requiring additional CPA funds. The 2 existing CPA projects for the crossing signs on Main Street for bikers and pedestrians and the multi-use path on Overland Way have sufficient funding. Both are near completion.
  4. Village to Nauset working group- an update will be provided at the next meeting. Alice will attend the Select Board quarterly meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with Police Chief Scott Macdonald to introduce subject of laying out key heavily travelled roads ( Beach Road, Rock Harbor Road, Skaket Beach Road, and possibly Monument Road). She will also appraise them of the numerous concerns that have been sent our way regarding traffic, safety for bikers and walkers, and speeding.
  5. Update of DPW roadway projects (Tom).
    - Overland Way bike path spur Trail- ongoing with contractor delay
    - Old Colony Way- ongoing
  6. Review of paving project schedule including location of roads and status (laid out or non) of each and discussion of opportunities for improved safe walking and biking. Status: Paving projects are on schedule and routine. Tom Daley indicates no additional pedestrian or bike lanes are being added since these are low use, neighborhood roads.
  7. Community Education and Communication: Vulnerable Road User Law; Bike way rules and routes (brochure distribution).

All bumper stickers have been distributed.  
The lighted sign at the library was very successful.  
Safety brochures continue to be distributed.
  8. Other business.

Discussion of how to better communicate with the public and manage speeding and road safety. What kind of education efforts can be made. Could the town communicate with commercial users such as FEDEX delivery vehicles, landscapers or contractors. Could more be done to educate around the Vulnerable Users law.
  9. August Agenda Items:

Reorganization usually takes place in July. Alice asked if anyone would be willing to assume role of Chair. She'd like to see someone else take on that role but is willing to continue should no one be able. Anyone interested could contact Alice before the next meeting.
  10. Adjourn  
Motion to Adjourn: Scott Macdonald  
Seconded: Doug Prentiss  
Unanimous adjournment: 10:33 AM

Submitted by Stephanie Gaskill