

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dartmouth Pathways Committee (DPC)

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The meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

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Members in Attendance: Alan Heureux, Gerard Koot, Marcia Picard, Gus Raposo, Larry Shwartz and Wendy Henderson, Facilitator

Absent: Lisa Koczera, Mike Labossiere, Adrian Ramirez

The minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2013 were approved unanimously.

Alan Heureux gave a summary of the South Coast Bikeway Alliance Steering Committee meeting of October 9, 2013 and updated members of the Committee regarding a meeting with the Parks Board on September 30, 2013 to discuss bicycle racks at Town parks.

David T. Hickox, P.E., Director of Public Works attended the meeting to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Rogers and Dartmouth Street as well as the Gulf Road Causeway. In particular, we reviewed plans for the Rogers Street entitled, "Sidewalk Construction and Signs & Pavement Markings" (3 sheets), prepared by the Department of Public Works, dated November 15, 2012. The proposed pavement width, curb to curb, on Rogers Street is 30 feet. Mr. Hickox stated that 11-foot wide travel lanes would be marked leaving a 4-foot wide, paved shoulder along each side of the road which could be marked as a bicycle lane with pavement markings and signage. Similarly, for Dartmouth Street, we reviewed plans entitled "Street Reconstruction, Signs & Pavement markings and Construction Details" (5 sheets), prepared by the Department of Public Works, dated February 1, 2013. On Dartmouth Street, the proposed pavement width, curb, is 33 feet. Again, Mr. Hickox stated that 11-foot wide travel lanes would be marked leaving a 5.5-foot wide paved shoulder along both sides of this urban arterial roadway which could be marked as a bicycle lane with pavement marking and signage. Mr. Hickox invited the members of the Dartmouth Pathways Committee to offer review comments to the Board of Public Works regarding these imminent road reconstruction projects along the South Coast Bikeway-Dartmouth. Dave briefly presented preliminary plans for the reconstruction of the Gulf Road Causeway. The Dartmouth Pathway Committee needs to actively engage MA Department of Transportation regarding the ongoing design for this section of roadway which is a vital connection between Padanaram and Apponagansett Park along the South Coast Bikeway -Dartmouth. We also discussed the ongoing re-paving and re-striping work on Old Westport Road and Chase Road and other related topics (e.g., chip seal road surfacing). The Committee voted to recommend the use of "Fast Drying White" M 7.01.23 Mass State Standard paint instead of the more expensive thermo-plastic paint for bicycle symbols on Old Westport Road.

Wendy Henderson updated members about the required updated to the Dartmouth Open Space & Recreation Plan. The Dartmouth Pathways Committee suggested that the approved South Coast Bikeway- Dartmouth Plan be made part of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, dated 2014.

Marcia Picard, Fall River School Wellness Coordinator briefly described the "Safe Routes to Schools" program and mentioned a significant grant awarded to the City of Fall River to improve pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure to encourage walking and bicycling to and from schools. The Dartmouth Pathways Committee will invite representative of the Dartmouth Schools to our next meeting to discuss this program.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Dartmouth Town Hall in Room 301, if it is available. With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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