

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 27th, 2013
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
SULLIVAN INDEPENDENCE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Graceffa, Alyssa Israel, Larry Ogren, Betsy Gardner, Katina Wolfe, Jack Franzen, Meg Capodanno, Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Selectman. **ABSENT:** Clif Meyers, Kirstin Etela. **ADVISORS PRESENT:** Sarah Levy, Fairfield Health Department.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Andrew Graceffa, Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The March 13th, 2013 minutes were passed unanimously by the Committee with one correction: The Committee's brief discussion on HB 5966 *An Act Authorizing Fees in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction* will be added.

III. DRAFT PLAN UPDATE: The GBRC is working on the final maps to go in the Plan. The Committee agreed to remove the Fees in Lieu of Sidewalks descriptive graphic on page 18 of Draft 7. Otherwise, the Committee approved of the graphics and photographs that were added to this draft.

III. OUTREACH DISCUSSION: Andy met with Bryan LeClerc, Chair of TPZ. Mr. LeClerc was very supportive of the Committee's work and requested that we develop amendments to the zoning regulations based on the three planning recommendations in the Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Geoffe Steadman, a consultant to the Forestry Committee recently drafted tree-related amendments to the zoning regulations. Andy said he will contact Geoffe about helping the Advisory Committee draft bicycle and pedestrian amendments to submit to TPZ for their April 9th Planning meeting.

Wally Flynn, Chair of the Police Commission provided feedback to Cristin in writing with regard to the process by which the Enforcement Recommendations would be passed. For example, Stop For Pedestrian signage (#6) must be approved by the Police Commission and an ordinance prohibiting bicycling on sidewalks (#8) must be approved by the RTM. Mr. Flynn noted that increasing the number of officers on bicycles (#7) may be difficult to due budgetary restrictions.

Cristin has also reached out to TPZ Director Joe Devonshuk, Parking Authority Coordinator Cindy Placko, and Assistant Conservation Director Annette Jacobsen with regard to the Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS: Andy, Larry, Town Engineer Bill Hurley, and Mill Plain Association President Charles Case walked the Mill Plain Road Bicycle Route to designate locations for signage. There will be 4 bicycle route signs on the upper section of the route and 3 on the lower section. Signs may have arrows to indicate that the rider must turn right or left to continue on the bike route.

The Mill Plain Road bicycle route will come before the Police Commission on April 10th. Sarah will ask Eileen Kennelly about any liability issues should the Police Commission inquire.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Committee, Andrew Graceffa adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Israel, Secretary

