

Meeting Summary for Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

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Quick recap

The board discussed the previous meeting's minutes, Pine Street agenda item, and other topics, but due to lack of quorum, they were unable to vote on these items. They also discussed the challenges of recruiting new members for a committee and the importance of having a full committee for decision-making. Lastly, they addressed confusing signage in the area and the need to expedite the process of filling the committee with new members.

Next steps

Town to send emails to Jessica and Town Hall regarding two potential new board members. Brad to reach out to Mag and Silas from BCC to gauge their interest in joining the board. Town to research and reach out to the group responsible for the confusing wayfinding signage to discuss potential updates and invite them to a future meeting.

Summary

Board Meeting Discusses Agenda Items

In the meeting, the board convened to discuss the previous month's meeting minutes and other agenda items. Despite not having a full board, they proceeded with the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were approved, and there was no public comment or issue raised during the public forum. The board also discussed the Pine Street agenda item and another item, but due to the lack of quorum, they were unable to vote on these items. The board liaison, Jessica, suggested making an appointment with the town grant writer, but this was put off as they had not been able to vote on any items to present.

Recruiting Committee Members and Grants

Town and Jessica discussed the challenges of recruiting new members for a committee. Town mentioned that they had already had a conversation with someone about potential grants and were ready to present their ideas to the select board. However, they faced difficulties in getting a quorum. Jessica suggested reaching out to new people to join the committee, and Town mentioned two interested parties, one new to the community and the other a new voice. Jessica also suggested reaching out to Silas and Mag from the BCC for their perspective on the bike trails. Brad agreed to reach out to his neighbors and connect them with Town if they showed interest.

Filling Committee and Grant-Dependent Activities

In the meeting, Jessica and Town discussed the importance of having a full committee to facilitate forward movement and decision-making. They acknowledged the current deficit in committee strength and the need to expedite the process of filling the committee with new members. Jessica suggested that even with rapid progress, it would still take a week or two to complete the application and approval process. Town also mentioned a backlog of ideas and the need to prepare for the next meeting with a slate of items to vote on, emphasizing that future activities would be grant-dependent.

Addressing Confusing Signage in Bristol

Town discussed the confusing signage and wayfinding in the area, particularly the path leading to Bristol. He noted that the signage was misleading, pointing in the opposite direction of Bristol and ignoring the plank road, which is used by many for gravel biking.

Town decided to reach out to the group responsible for the signage to understand the status of their initiative and possibly invite them to a future meeting to explain further.