Community Park RR Crossing Committee Minutes - January 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Staff, Lucky D'Ascanio.

Roll Call

Committee Members present: Lucky D'Ascanio (Staff Liaison), John Adelman, Dave Gagnon, and Daniel Pearl. Nathan Poore, (Town Manager), Ted Asherman, (LMAC), Bob Shafto (Open Space Ombudsman), Jamie Mason (Town Engineer) and Caleb Hemphill (Council Liaison) were also present. NO QUORUM

Summary Minutes

Lucky chaired the meeting as Justin Beaureguard could not attend.

Lucky reported that Steve Melchiskey has resigned from the committee.

Lucky then reviewed a draft memo to the Town Council (see attached) outlining the committees discussion from the September 21, 2016 meeting with regard to the committees desire to support the Falmouth Road/Twin Pond Alternate #1. Lucky has sent a similar memo to Theo Holtwijk, Long Range Planner and Jay Reynolds, Public Works Director as staff to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Stakeholders Group.

Nathan spoke to the group regarding his recent conversations with MDOT concerning upgrades to other bridges in town to include bike/ped enhancements. He mentioned that he asked Theo to reach out to MDOT with regard to the Allen's Bridge on Falmouth Road to determine if the scope can be increased to include a bike lane. Nathan reported that upgrading the Pan Am RR crossing on Falmouth Road may be cost prohibitive. The final draft of the council memo will be presented to the Town Council at the meeting on January 23, 2017. The Executive Session of the Town Council meeting will include discussion regarding the potential to purchase abutting land which the committee unanimously supports so as to secure a direct connection in the future.

Lucky will check with the town attorney with regard to right title and interest utilizing the existing infrastructure of Twin Pond Drive (sidewalks and trail through the ROW to Community Park).

Lucky will also check in with Theo and report to committee members with regard to the next meeting of the Bike/Ped Stakeholders Group.

Meeting adjourned: 4:50pm.

Next Meeting: TBD