

Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee – Meeting Summary (01/16/2025)

Attendance:

Members: Will Gardner (Chair), Freddie Estremara, Miles Grant (in person), Bob Espindola, Tim Garcia (via Zoom).

Guests: Nils Isaaksen, Alyssa Botelho.

Key Topics Discussed:

- **Historic Street Lamp Expansion** – Plans to expand the privately funded historic street lamp project to the Millicent Library block, with 90% completion expected by summer. Potential grants are being considered.
- **Bridge Street Complete Streets Project** – Discussion of design options for improvements between Route 6 and Alden Road, including narrower lanes, tree buffers, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. Concerns raised about unprotected bike facilities and shared-use paths.
- **Infrastructure & Connectivity** – Emphasis on improving walkability, bike lanes, and mixed-use development. Discussion on Route 240 bike lane challenges, potential road slimming, and intersection modifications.
- **Traffic Study & Safety** – Criticism of peak-hour-focused traffic study assumptions. Support for moderating traffic speeds through lane reductions and pedestrian-friendly designs.
- **Bike Path Maintenance** – Consideration of volunteer support for light maintenance and winter clearing of the bike path.

Next Steps:

- Erick to relay committee feedback on Bridge Street designs to the Planning Department.
- Committee to advocate for moderating traffic study assumptions.
- Members to explore volunteer maintenance efforts for the bike path.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM.