

Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 1, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: East Room, Town Hall and via Zoom

Chair: Will Gardner

Attendance

In Person: Will Gardner, Tim Garcia, Freddie Estremara, Chip Hawthorne (guest), Jon Camara

Via Zoom: Bob Espindola (guest), Roger Sicotte

1. Approval of Minutes

April meeting minutes approved unanimously.

2. Committee Updates

Noted Zoom policy change: participant video now disabled due to security concerns.

No major updates from Highway Superintendent Josh Crabb.

3. Bike Path Improvements

Overlay scheduled after water main project, likely late summer.

Discussed straightening sections, adding raised crossings, improving signage.

Will to follow up with Josh on:

- - Signage updates, including stop signs and intersections.
- - Public education around raised crossings and signage changes.
- - Visibility enhancements for crosswalks and tables.
- - Tree planting along David Drown Boulevard.

4. Bike Path Maintenance and Usage

Original path (1997) has not been resurfaced; cracking and ride quality concerns noted.

Committee emphasized need for regular maintenance and updated traffic counts to document ridership.

5. School Access & Safety

Focus on Hastings Middle School: lack of direct connection to bike path, limited signage, and growing e-bike use among students.

Discussed possible Safe Routes to School coordination and improved wayfinding.

6. Scoops on the Street Event

Confirmed for Friday, May 9 at Ice Cream Cottage.

Volunteers needed for setup and takedown.

7. Sconticut Neck Road (SNR) Traffic Calming

Waiting on DPW's ability to do striping before purchasing green paint.

Implementation to follow Town Meeting.

8. Announcements and Misc.

Freddie confirmed as OSRP Committee representative.

Encouragement to host block parties.

South Coast Bikeway Alliance Summit on May 13.

Committee members reminded to:

- - Submit reappointment forms by May 16.
- - Complete conflict of interest training (details to be sent by Will).

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:30 PM