



Atlas Tack Working Group

MINUTES

February 19, 2026

*2/12/26
minutes accepted
at 2-19-26
meeting.*

Present: Rick Trapilo- Chair, Doug Brady- Vice-Chair, Patricia Estrella, Michael Sherman, Ken Blanchard, Brian Messier on zoom, Patrick Carr, David Gerber, Keith Silvia-Select Board Representative, Rick Forand-Director of Inspectional Service/ Building

Meeting Called to Order: by Chair Rick Trapilo 5:09 PM

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Minutes: voted to accept minutes of 02-12-26 all in favor. Motion by Ken B. second Patti E.

Chair's Report:

- Updated the group that the EPA assessment report has not been received by the town yet. Completion of the report is expected in March.
- Updated the group on a joining a meeting at the Atlas Area regarding the fencing or possible barriers to secure a safety perimeter. Met with Police dept rep, Rick F. Josh Crabb- highway DPW.
- No new update on the demo order.

Discussion / Action Items:

- The Atlas Tack Working Group met to discuss safety measures and next steps regarding the deteriorating building on South Street.
- The group approved plans to install temporary Jersey barriers and fencing along the bike path and South Street to prevent public access and protect residents, pending Select Board approval on Monday.
- Town Administrator Mr. Hickey addressed the group regarding the safety perimeter at the bike path on Pleasant and South Street and informed the group he will update the Select Board and provide them a detailed description to install the safety perimeter. Mr. Hickey also mentioned that there should be a discussion with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board on possible zoning changes
- Motion to support the Town Administrator, DPW, and various departments involved in installing a temporary safety perimeter fence to protect any people walking along the bike path from possible danger if the building was to collapse. Motion Doug B, second Ken B.- roll call vote all in favor.
- Discussion ensued about possible discussion with zoning and that we wait until we get the EPA report before considering any possible zoning changes.
- The group also discussed the need to better understand the Wetlands Resource Protection overlay district, with members volunteering to research its history and current regulations Discussion on the WRP – Wetland Resource Protection which is currently on the Atlas Tack property of which Doug, Michael, Brian volunteered to work on and get specific details of what and how the WRP works.

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- Motion by Doug to allow Doug, Michael, Brian, to work on the details of the WRP to present to the entire working group. Second Patti. Roll call, all in favor
- The EPA is expected to release their site assessment findings sometime in March, which will determine the extent of contamination and potential future use restrictions on the 10-acre property.

Committee Member Items:

Patti mentioned that there are reports from EPA that are going to the DPW and unsure who is actually receiving those reports and suggested that the reports go to TA Hickey and then he could distribute the reports accordingly.

Public Comment – Limited to two minutes- None

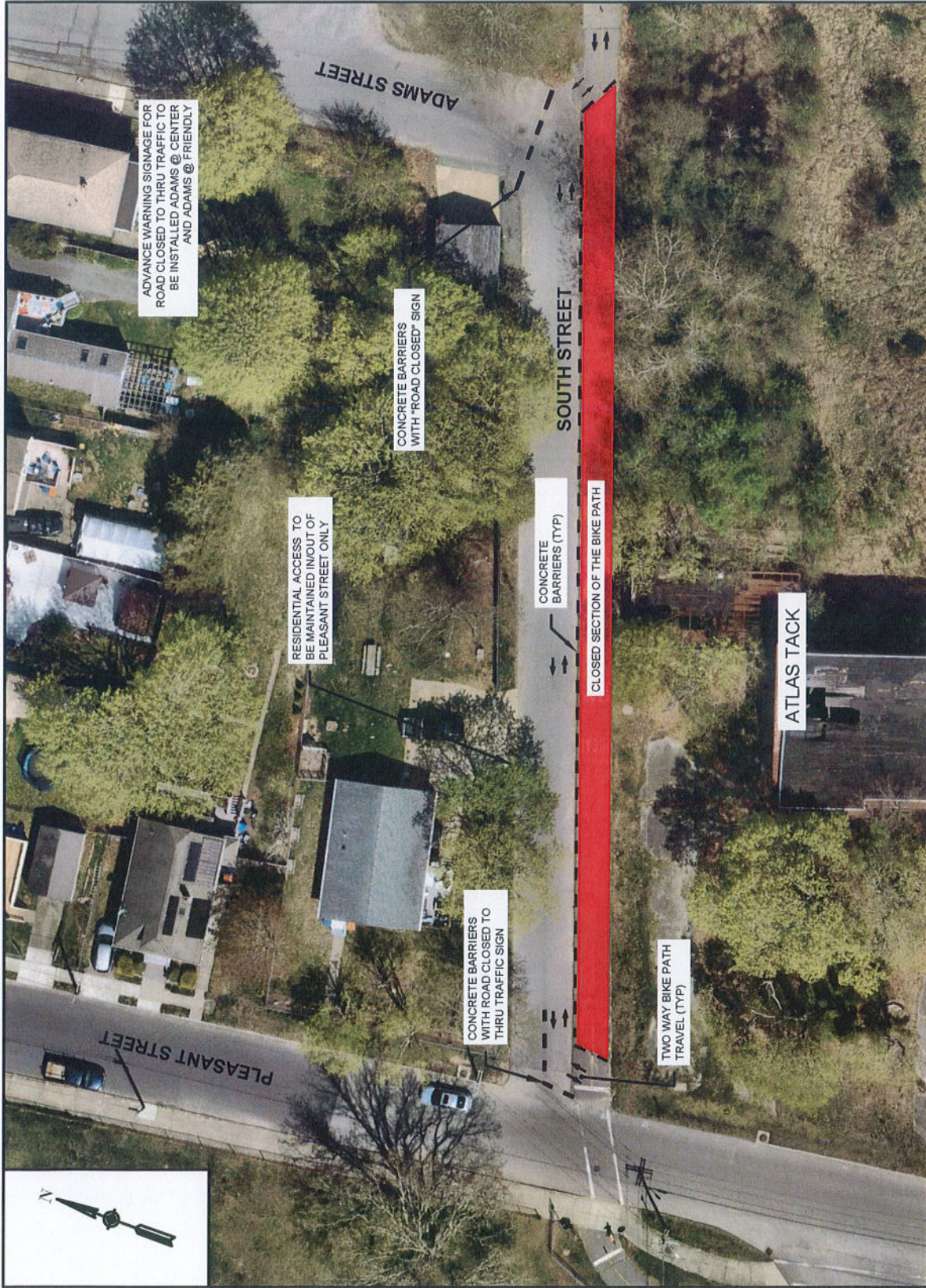
Correspondence - None

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Select next meeting date- March 05,2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment – 6.30 PM

Submitted by Rick Trapilo - Chair / Clerk



PHOENIX RAIL TRAIL CLOSURE AT ATLAS TACK

SCALE 1" = 40'

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