



MINUTES

DATE: December 12, 2023
TIME/PLACE: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
PRESENT: Chair Liz McDonald, Adam Bliss, Councilor Chip Lawrence, Sally Walsh, Kim True, Barbara Guffin
ABSENT: Police Chief Nate Goodman, Phil Wagner, Andy Seymour
GUESTS: Tyler Kolle, Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Natalie Paul

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome, Agenda, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Reviewed• Motion to approve minutes of November 14, 2023 meeting by Kim True, seconded by Sally Walsh. All approved, 5 in favor, none opposed.	Motion passed, 5-0
II. Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trolley Pilot Project is up and running on weekends in December from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thank you to the many local businesses supporting it.• Work on Pleasant Hill Road at Yield Sign is scheduled to begin in Spring 2024. Phase 2 will include moving the utility pole (at no cost to us) and directional signs as part of the Flying Point Road paving project.• In 2024, the Town will relocate the Main Street crosswalk perpendicular to the sidewalk serving Town Hall. A question was asked about why it was at an angle originally.• Meeting with Metro Breez about the Bus Stop in front of Casco Bay Inn was promising.• Maine DOT Project List shows a repaving of part of Rt. 136, no significant changes are proposed by the Maine DOT.• The CSC Workplan will be reviewed at the January meeting.	
III. Complete Streets Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We last reviewed the Complete Streets Policy in December 2020. Please read the policy, which can be found on the Town's website, and be prepared to comment on and recommend changes at the January meeting.	



<p>IV. Village Partnership Initiatives (VPI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally, this grant was requested to study and design a comprehensive plan for Mallett Drive. However, through past grant applications and Maine DOT’s scheduled repaving, the funds are available. Now, perhaps we can request a VPI grant for other work, such as on Main Street. Sophie Wilson, our new Town Manager, said that Maine DOT is looking for transformative projects, and with all the Downtown revision work Freeport has done, this may be a good opportunity to request a larger grant. This way, the VPI grant could be used as seed money for a larger project (e.g., RAISE grant). Federal grants require Maine DOT sponsorship and support from GPCOG and other stakeholders. 	
<p>V. Connect Freeport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route One South MUP Planning is in progress – the next meeting with Lucy Gibson from Toole Design is on December 14. • We will not pursue a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund as we were told that Freeport needs to own the land where the multi-use trail is planned. We now need to determine if the approved grant writer funds can be used to obtain a different grant. • Mathew Henion from the Land and Water Conservation Fund suggested the RTP (Recreational Trails Program) as a possibility for funding multi-use trails in Freeport. • The Freeport Climate Action Now (FCAN) Workshop called Imagining Safe Walking and Biking in Freeport was very well attended. The PowerPoint presentation was sent to all CSC members. Natalie Paul, who created most of the presentation, spoke of her prior work and shared a resume and other relevant information. • Kim True reported on our plan to request a Momentum Grant to install Dero bike racks and a tool/air pumping stand just off Main Street at Freeport Village Station. We discussed whether the Town would install the stand or use a contractor. The plan also needs Project Review approval. The application is due 12/31/2023. • Request that the Resolution of the Casco Bay Trails Until Rails be brought to the Town Council for approval. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0. 	



VI. Downtown Village	<p>The Town Council has asked for input about the repair work being done on downtown sidewalks. Rehabilitation of brick sidewalks costs approximately \$10 per square foot, while installing asphalt costs approximately \$4 per square foot. Adam Bliss shared a slide showing that the downtown sidewalks are a mix of bricks and asphalt. The CSC discussed the pros and cons of each surface with respect to appearance, safety, ease of snow removal, and cost. Sally Walsh noted that the bricks on the sloped sidewalks in Town can be very slippery, posing a safety risk. Natalie Paul offered that there are a variety of brick-like materials that are rough-faced and provide more traction than traditional brick. Solar-heated sidewalks could be considered for the sloped areas. Councilor Chip Lawrence will update the Council on the work of Complete Streets at the December 19th Town Council meeting. Liz McDonald and Kim True will provide Chip with status reports in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Left Turns – This topic was tabled to a future meeting.	
VII. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting is January 9, 2024.	