

MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2023 **TIME/PLACE:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Chair Liz McDonald, Adam Bliss, Greg Michaud, Sally Walsh, Police Chief Nate Goodman, Phil Wagner, Kim

True, Barbara Guffin

ABSENT: Councilor Chip Lawrence, GUESTS: Chalmers Hardenbergh

ТОРІС	;	DISCUSSION	ACTION
l.	Welcome, Agenda, Minutes	 Agenda Reviewed Motion to approve minutes of October 10, 2023 meeting by Phil Wagner, seconded by Sally Walsh. All approved, 7 in favor, none opposed. 	Motion passed, 7-0
II.	Committee Chair Elections	Motion to nominate Liz McDonald as Chair of Complete Streets Committee and Barbara Guffin as Vice-chair by Sally Walsh, seconded by Barbara Guffin. All approved, 7 in favor, none opposed.	Motion passed, 7-0
III.	Public Peddler Carts	Motion to keep the four existing Public Peddlar Carts in the same location: 1 at the train station, two behind Starbucks, and one at Town Hall by Barbara Guffin, seconded by Greg Michaud. All approved, 7 in favor, none opposed.	Motion passed, 7-0
IV.	Pine Street / U.S. Route One South Intersection – Street Light	 Discussion of safety concerns and solutions for the Pine Street/U.S. Rt. 1 South intersection. Ideas included additional lighting, island in middle (refuge island), blinking pedestrian lights, and more. Motion to install additional light on existing pole and to add a pole and light on other side of crosswalk by Sally Walsh, seconded by Greg Michaud. All approved, 7 in favor, none opposed. We need to review many of the crosswalks in Freeport for safety. 	Motion passed, 7-0
V.	Merrill Road Traffic Calming	Discussion about how and why roads are striped and how to reduce speeding on Merrill Road, a 3,000-foot-long straight section of road. The CSC agreed to invite the neighbors to hear their ideas on road striping. The CSC also discussed long-range plans for a multi-use path, traffic calming measures, and more. Staff will send out mailers to neighbors and work to reduce speed in that area.	Discussion only, no vote.



VI. Petition to Commissioner	Motion to support the Petition to the Commissioner of Transportation and the Maine State Legislature to Implement the Recommendation of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council by Greg Michaud, seconded by Phil Wagner. All approved, 7 in favor, none opposed.	Motion passed, 7-0
VII. Information Exchange	 Freeport will be considering a Trolley Pilot Project in the busy months to transport visitors from the train station and other parking areas into downtown Freeport. Great Race is coming to Freeport in June 2024. Cars will be lined up on Main Street, and part of the road will be closed. The CSC reviewed the MDOT Work Plan for Freeport. Of note, Route 136 will receive light capital paving in 2024/25. The Maine DOT is responsible for this work. Natalie Paul joined the last Connect Freeport meeting to discuss ideas for dividing Freeport into zones depending on proximity to downtown. Different interventions can be made based on closeness to the shops, schools, and businesses. The tentative date for a public presentation is December 4 at the Freeport Library. Connect Freeport has a date to discuss the LWCF grant with Matthew Henion on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Greg Michaud announced that this is his last meeting with the Complete Streets Committee. He will be joining the Cable Regulatory Board. We will miss Greg. 	Discussion only, no vote.
VIII. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Barbara Guffin, seconded by Phil Wagner. All approved, 6 in favor, none opposed. The next meeting is December 12, 2023	Motion passed, 6-0