



## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

**At 3:30 PM**

**Via ZOOM**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

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Members Present: Jason Bridges (Chair), Ian Golding (Vice-Chair), Michel Kremer, John Mynttinen, Joseph Topham, RJ Turcotte, Laura Walters

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mike Burns

Others Present: Michael Gormley (NanTuckTuck Pedicab), Bruce Mendel

#### **1. Administrative Items**

- a) Call to order
  - Chair called meeting to order at 3:33PM
- b) Establishment of a Quorum
  - The Chair declared a quorum present
- c) Approval of Agenda
  - There was consensus to approve the agenda
- d) Approval of Minutes
  - Motion: made by Ian G and seconded by Joseph T to approve the minutes of April 26, 2023
  - Action: approved unanimously

#### **2. Action and Discussion**

- a) NanTuckTuck Pedicab Demonstration and Discussion
  - Mike B mentioned this was a follow up to the April 26<sup>th</sup> demonstration, and that the Traffic Safety Work Group had met and took no action on this request.
  - Michael G noted that his request is to operate within the service area and avoid the truck route.
  - There was discussion of the classes of ebikes.
  - Laura W asked where the pedicab would wait for rides.
  - Michael G responded that most trip loading would be on private property of businesses with prior approval and no curb space would be used for standing.
  - Michel K suggested expanding the operation in the future after a pilot year.

- Jason B requested a motion to approve an operation of two pedicabs this summer, restricted to Class I electric motors with pedal-assist up to 15 miles per hour, expanding the service area to mid-island and include Union, Sparks, Orange, Pleasant, and Washington Street up to and not including the Rotary, and that an advertisement be on the pedicab to allow for public evaluation and survey of operation.
  - Motion: made by Joseph T and seconded by Ian G to approve an operation of two pedicabs this summer, restricted to Class I electric motors with pedal-assist up to 15 miles per hour, expanding the service area to mid-island and include Union, Sparks, Orange, Pleasant, and Washington Street up to and not including the Rotary, and that an advertisement be on the pedicab to allow for public evaluation and survey of operation.
  - Action: approved unanimously
- b) Bike Safety Video
- Mike B mentioned the Town’s Communications staff requested comments on a script for a bike safety video.
  - John M suggested removing the name “Chad”
  - Ian G suggested encouraging a maximum of 15MPH on paths
  - Michel K suggested the need for lights on bikes as night
  - There was consensus to support other comments by Michel K submitted via email
  - No action was taken
- c) On-going Projects
- i. Mid-Island Complete Streets projects – design options
    - Mike B reviewed the design options for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along Pleasant, Williams, and Sparks Avenue
    - Laura W mentioned the need for a facility from the schools to the Nobadeer playing fields
    - Jason B mentioned the need for a dedicated meeting to review and discuss projects and their various design options
  - ii. Tom Nevers
    - Mike B review the design options for a multi-use path along Tom Nevers Road
    - John M mentioned concerns at the Old Tom Nevers Road intersection
  - iii. Path Signage
    - Mike B mentioned he is researching the status of the signage to alert all traffic of bicycle right of way at crossings at intersections and noted that the DPW’s bicycle maintenance funding could be used for the modifications.

### **3. Other Business**

- a) Committee Comment
  - There were no comments
- b) Public Comment
  - Bruce M discussed article 72 from the 2023 Town Meeting. He mentioned that he met with the Finance Committee about the article and it was represented that

BPAC did not support the article. He requested action to verify the recommendation as no minutes of that meeting are available.

- Ian G mentioned that this would be discussed at a future meeting

#### **4. Adjourn**

- Motion: made by Michel K and seconded by Laura W to adjourn
- Action: approved unanimously to adjourn at 4:55PM.

Submitted by:  
Mike Burns

Enc: Email referenced in item 2b from Michel Kremer dated May 26, 2023 and May 30, 2023

## Mike Burns

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**From:** Michel <michelkremer36@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 7:50 AM  
**To:** Mike Burns  
**Cc:** rj@nantucketlandcouncil.org; Ian Golding; joseph@tophamdesignack.com; jemynttinen@gmail.com; laura@w-eventmanagement.com; jbridges@fairwindscenter.org  
**Subject:** Re: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Hi,

Good morning. I hope everyone has had a great Memorial Day Weekend! :-)

I just had one minor add-on to the Bike Traffic Safety Video Script. If this is going to be a recommendation, I think the difference should be clear between what is actual law and what are recommendations. Especially with official communication you might want to be careful with wording that might imply it's law, but it's actually a safety recommendation.

I hope everyone will have a great week!

Happy Tuesday!  
Michel

On Fri, May 26, 2023 at 3:16 PM Michel <michelkremer36@gmail.com> wrote:  
Hi,

To avoid the meeting lasting until the end of this evening... :-) I thought it might be handy to share my comments related to the bike traffic safety video as well/instead.

### **Bike Traffic Safety Video Script**

- Should we say class 1 & 2 e-bikes (instead of just electric bikes in general...)? And class 3 e-bikes or propane scooters are only allowed on the bike paths if they keep themselves to 20mph?
- Just a comment (and probably a cultural difference here...), but the shouting of "Passing on the left" always scares the bejeebers out of me as a pedestrian (and sometimes as an automatic reaction I actually want to step to the left...)... 😊
- I understand that riding your bike on a sidewalk is not allowed, however, I do understand the action of bikers doing it sometimes, because the road with the cars is not always that safe... (this morning a biker riding his bike in the parallel parking lots at the stop & shop, which I understood, because I actually think that space should be a separated bike path...).
- Should there be an explanation of the proper hand signals?
- This might be a Dutch thing, but I always learned that when going to the left, you have to stretch out your arm to the left (start doing this about 100 feet before actually turning left, so you signal other road users you are planning to go to the left) and look over your shoulder to see if anyone is coming. When

safe go to (the right side) of the middle of the road (while keeping your arm pointing to the left) before turning left.

- You must use a white headlight and red taillight if you are riding anytime from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- At night, you must wear ankle reflectors if there are no reflectors on your pedals.
- You may not carry anything on your bike unless it is in a basket, rack, bag, or trailer designed for the purpose.
- You may not modify your bike so that your hands are higher than your shoulders when gripping the handlebars.
- Is the Trash comment really necessary? It kind of makes it sound that
- A helmet is only compulsory for 16 and under in MA (or under 17...), I think. Is there a Nantucket-specific bylaw that overrides this?
- Should the name of the Character in the video really be Chad? Isn't Chad the male equivalent of a Karen? Personally, I find that funny, but not sure whether you should use those names in a "public service video"?... 😊

Thank you,  
Michel

On Thu, May 25, 2023 at 9:51 AM Mike Burns <[mburns@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:mburns@nantucket-ma.gov)> wrote:

BPAC members – after discussing with the Chair and Vice Chair, we will have a meeting this Friday afternoon via ZOOM to discuss items on the attached agenda. I've attached meeting material for your review.

Please to let me know if you're unable to attend so we can ensure a quorum for this meeting.

Thanks.

Mike

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