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ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

Orleans Transportation and Bikeways Advisory Committee

Monday January 5, 2026 @ 3:30 PM

Orleans Town Hall: Nauset Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Peter Allgeier- Chair (by Zoom at 3:45 pm), Geoff Deering (Fire Chief), George Meservey(Director of Planning), Calvin Sutton (Deputy Director DPW), Stephanie Gaskill, Bob McDonald, Joel Porten, Doug Prentiss

1) Call to Order – Called to order by Stephanie Gaskill (clerk) at 3:34.

2) Public Comment – no public comment.

3) Communication:

Calvin Sutton introduced the request by the Mill Lane Condo Association to install NO PARKING signs on Mill Lane. Resident Sue Christie said the road has experienced increased usage since the sewerage detours and temporary signs erected during special events worked well and the condo association would like them to be permanent. Sue indicated the problem is the increased traffic of large trucks and school buses. Stephanie Gaskill said it is a dangerous narrow road, especially trying to exit from Mill lane onto Beach Road especially because of the over-growth of trees on the condo property blocking the view of oncoming traffic. **Calvin Sutton will research whether Mill Lane is a Laid Out Road . Chief MacDonald will be asked for his evaluation. This topic will be on the February agenda for a full discussion.**

4) Update on Signage for Overland Ext. for CCRT

Joel Porten and Bob McDonald will meet on site with Calvin Sutton on January 27th to plan the placement of signs on the Rail Trail/Overland Way intersection.

Peter Allgeier joined the meeting and took over running the meeting at 3:45.

5) Discussion of Salty Ridge, CCRT, and West Road Intersection.

Calvin Sutton and Doug Prentiss reviewed the problems for bikers in the area which have been addressed over the years. **At a January 27 on site meeting, Joel Porten, Bob McDonald and Calvin Sutton will examine the problems bikers experience when exiting the Rail Trail at Salty Ridge and travelling along West Road. They will report back to the committee on Feb. 2nd with updates and possible recommendations for improvements.**

6) Status on VHB availability for Beach Road Community meeting :

The committee will hold a Community Meeting on Tuesday February 3rd at 5:00 PM in the Nauset Room. VHB will present the results of the Beach Road feasibility study. The community will be asked for input on what future options they would like the committee to pursue as part of this feasibility study contract with VHB. Notices will appear on the town calendar and be advertised through town committees and other public announcements.

7) Status on date for Select Board meeting Re: project updates and Crosswalk Policy.

George Meservey will coordinate with Peter Allgeier to obtain a spot on the February 18th Select Board meeting agenda. In addition to presentation of the proposed Crosswalk Policy, the meeting will also bring the Select Board up to date on all projects the committee is working on.

8) *Main Street Field Survey status from VHB and Warrant article for FY'27:*

Calvin Sutton reported that VHB indicated they need to do 4 more days of on-site Field Work to complete the Main Street Field Survey. He indicated they should be finished by mid-February or early March. Stephanie Gaskill asked if that automatically postponed any request for Engineering and Design Funds until the Fall Town Meeting. The current CIP shows \$500k in FY'27. Does that need to be amended to be on the November warrant instead of May? Doug Prentiss indicated the field survey review takes some time and November may be a better time for a warrant article. The question of CIP and FY'27 warrant article placement requests will be discussed at the Feb. 2nd meeting. Calvin will keep in touch with VHB about their progress. At our February meeting he will provide updates on FY'27 CIP and FY'27 warrant article plans for spring and fall town meetings.

9) *Discussion of inclusion of speed indicator signs in DPW budget for FY'27 .*

Stephanie Gaskill asked if the FY'27 budget has sufficient entries for speed calming signs or equipment in the FY'27 budget. Calvin Sutton indicated that it was sufficiently funded in the DPW budget for \$20K. Also Calvin indicated he will be attending a state meeting about a state grant program for solar speed signs.

10) *Town Report submission discussion.*

Peter Allgeier will forward a document modified by George Merservey to everyone for comments . Please have your comments to him by January 12th.

11) *Approve meeting minutes from 12/10/25 meeting.*

Approval of meeting minutes motioned by Doug Prentiss Seconded by Geoff Deering. Unanimous approval.

12) *Other Business- Peter Allgeier announced that the topic of Road Safety would not be on the agenda for February.*

13) *Agenda planning for Monday Feb. 2, 2026 3:30 PM meeting*

Items to be on the Feb. 2nd agenda:

Mill Lane No Parking sign request

Overland Way sign placement. (Joel Porten, Bob McDonald, and Calvin Sutton)

Salty Ridge / West Road / CCRT intersection evaluation (Calvin Sutton, Bob McDonald, Joel Porten)

FY'27 CIP and Warrant article plans for Main Street Design and Engineering (Calvin Sutton)

Review of Community Presentation for Tuesday Feb. 3rd 5:00 PM.

???Review with Chief MacDonald if he will be ready to begin a discussion on e-bike policy in February

**13) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Gaskill, seconded by Calvin Sutton. Unanimous approval
Adjourned 4:45 PM.**