



**AQUIDNECK ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION (AIPC)**  
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January 13, 2015, 6pm  
AIPC Board of Directors Meeting  
437 Broadway, Newport, RI

**Present:**

Ray Berberick, Portsmouth  
John Ciummo, Middletown  
Peter Janaros, Newport  
John DiBari, Newport  
Jody Sullivan, Chamber of Commerce  
Richard Adams, Middletown

Corey Bobba, Newport  
Hilary Stevens, Newport  
Kate Wilson, Portsmouth  
Diana Skaggs, Middletown  
Gladys Lavine, Middletown

**Staff:**

Sarah Atkins, AIPC Interim Executive Advisor  
Jeffrey Wolfson, AIPC Administrative Assistant

**Presenters:** Deborah Langstaff, Alison McNally, Bill Desantis

**Public attendant:** Nancy Grieb, Portsmouth  
Nancy Laurienzo

**Welcome and approval of agenda:**

**Motion to amend the agenda to dedicate the time allotted for the staffing update and review of the resumes, to discussion of the strategic planning process- *Motion by Kate Wilson, seconded by Peter Janaros.***

**Public comment: none**

**Project Updates:**

Alison McNally updated the board on the Aquidneck Island Broadband Project. She discussed the differences in upload and download speeds between DSL, cable, and fiber optics. Currently, the AIBP is determining what fiber is available, what engineering would be needed to expand broadband on the island, pricing options, and different available models.

Bill DeSantis updated the board on the DSR for the Bikeway Project. He described the history of the project, and the goal to allow for a contiguous bike from Sakonnet bridge to Newport. The study will be completed in the 1st quarter of the year, and submitted to the town for consideration. It will then apply for TIP funds, if it is passed by the Portsmouth Town Council.

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Jeffrey Wolfson updated the board on the Wayfinding Project, a RIDOT funded project, to help cyclist's find there way to various destinations around Aquidneck Island. The project has generated a map marked with destinations suggested by the the town planners of the municipalities. Jeff is currently working on the plan, with the help of VHB.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to Amend 12/16/2014 Minutes- *Motion by Kate Wilson, seconded by John DiBari.***

Changes included the removal of Diana Skaggs from the attendance, and to change the date on the motion to amend the previous minutes.

**Update on 437 Broadway:**

**Motion to table until meeting on 1/27/2015 (which was postponed to 2/3/2015) -  
*Motion by Ray Berberick, Seconded by John Ciummo.***

**Discussion of Strategic Planning process:**

Deborah Langstaff, from Third Sector New England, stated that in order to get the most qualified Executive Director, the AIPC board would have to determine its priorities and the level of experience and skill needed for the position. She noted, however, that the bulk of strategic planning process should include the new hire.

A continued priority would be to strengthen communications with the municipalities. Deborah Langstaff suggested that the board lay out a timeline through June for strategic planning, generate a list of stakeholders that could provide input on island issues, and to discuss those issues with the town planners.

**Closing comments and scheduling of next meeting:**

Kate Wilson suggested that in the event that school were canceled, meetings would be postponed to the next available date.

**Motion to Adjourn- *Motion by John DiBari, seconded by Kate Wilson, approved by all.***