

Transcript of Robin Steele comment to the Town Select Board on 2/13/23:

"I'm here because I wanted to talk about the goals you are going to be discussing later on tonight. When you met to discuss the goals for this year you made the Minuteman Bike Path your number one goal. I never understood that. I questioned you bringing it back. But I accepted the fact that you did and in hindsight feel it was a good decision. The problem is that you made it your number one goal.

"I have pleaded with you guys to bring this town together, but by making that your number one goal you divided the community even more. Instead of just bringing it back for another vote and providing information to the town and letting the pro-pavers and those against paving make their cases to the public, you inserted yourself into the pro-paver side and ignored a large population of the town.

"I am asking that in the future when you decide to set your goals you reach out to the community and find out what they feel should be the goals of the Select Board. Maybe do a survey. There have been too many controversial decisions over the last few years, and I think you're out of touch with the community as a whole and what they want.

"The goals discussion should be more visible to everyone. If you are going to do an offsite, tape it or have a meeting afterwards with the community to explain the goals -- why you are working on them and why you feel they are important. Also, please make the goals not statements. Goals should be measurable. There should be a plan for each goal and some type of measurable way to know if it was successfully achieved or if there are any consequences for not achieving the goal. I hope going forward you will involve more of the community in your goal-setting. I appreciate your listening. If you need any help in any way I am always here to help. Thank you."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAIDGSuOa2c&t=4185s> Starts at 1:09.34