

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dartmouth Pathways Committee (DPC)

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The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

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Members in Attendance: Alan Heureux, Gerard Koot, Mike Labossiere, Marcia Picard, and Wendy Henderson, Facilitator

Absent: Lisa Koczera, Gus Raposo, Larry Shwartz and Adrian Ramirez

The minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2013 were reviewed but tabled because the meeting (11/19/13) was not properly posted.

James A. Kiely, School Business Administrator, Dartmouth Public Schools attended the meeting to hear a presentation by Marcia Picard, Wellness Coordinator, Fall River Schools regarding a federal program entitled, " Safe Routes to Schools". Mr. Kiely will meet with the School Board to discuss this program further, in particular, "signing on" as a Safe Routes to Schools member community. Ms. Picard explained that there are surveys that must be completed and she recommended participating in International and Massachusetts Walk to School Days. After one year of participation, MADOT infrastructure grants may be available for sidewalks, street crossing lights, etc. We also discussed: "walking school buses", walk zones, helmet giveaways, a formal bicycle education program in the elementary and middle schools (perhaps as a component of the physical education program) and a traffic skills course in high school for pre-driving aged students.

Julianne Kelly, Coordinator, Mass in Motion-FR attended the meeting to discuss a DRAFT brochure entitled, "Old Bedford-Old Fall River Heritage Bike Route" which listed and described points of interest along Old Bedford and Old Fall River Road including: North Westport Grange Hall, First Christian Church, Sampson's Potato Farm, First Church of Hixville and Turner's Sawmill. The Dartmouth Pathways Committee agreed to support this effort and to consider this route for one of the Cycle Dartmouth recreational maps in the future. We plan to request that the Dartmouth Department of Public Works paint "fog lines" on Old Fall River Road eleven (11) feet maximum from the centerline using "Fast Drying White" paint as part of their ongoing maintenance schedule.

Joseph Ingoldsby and Shawna Caldwell, University Massachusetts Dartmouth students attended the meeting to present their work in a class on transportation options for University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. We reviewed the approved South Coast Bikeway Plan -Dartmouth, dated July 11, 2013, and the South Coast Bikeway Plan - UMASS Dartmouth, dated December 6, 2012 prepared by the Dartmouth Pathways Committee as well as maps and design details, examples, etc. prepared by University of Massachusetts Dartmouth students. We agreed to work with Michael Hayes, Director of Facilities Planning and Jamie Jacquart, Assistant Director for Campus Sustainability and Residential Initiatives, UMD to connect the main campus to the South Coast Bikeway - Dartmouth and to make pedestrian and bicycle paths a part of capital project planning at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Wendy Henderson asked for written contributions to the Dartmouth Open Space and Recreation Plan - 2014 on or before December 4, 2013.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Dartmouth Town Hall in Room 301, if it is available. With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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