

Minutes:  
Fairhaven Bike Path Committee  
May 24, 2012

Attendance: Mark Badwey, Greg Bettencourt, Jane Bettencourt, Matthew Coes, Robert Espindola, Rene J. Fleurent, Jr., Nancy Greene, Julianne Kelly, Kenneth Pottel, William Roth, Jr., Kathleen Sturtevant

- April 26,2012 meeting minutes were approved
- Mission Statement-discussed using the following information in the statement: transportation, recreation, safety, connecting cities/towns north to south, east to west- Matthew Goes offered to work on statement and bring a rough draft to next meeting- Bill suggested looking at other bike path committee websites to review other mission statements
- Developing a plan for committee and prioritizing projects: (ranked 1-4 with 1 being projects to work on immediately and 4 being projects that will take longer, possibly years to achieve)
  - “The Perfect Bike Community”
  - Rank 1- Connect to New Bedford
  - Rank 1-4- Improve Scoticut Neck Road crossing(1 being a short term solution-4 long term solution)
  - Rank 2- Connect town neighborhoods (Scoticut Neck, East Fairhaven, North Fairhaven), connect to Acushnet, way finding-routes/destinations
  - Rank 1- Parking/Bike Racks
  - Rank 2-3 Safe Routes to Schools-(need to get schools to “buy in”)
  - Rank 1- Bicycle Education-schools/seniors-brochure/publication
  - Rank 1-2- Commuting
  - Rank 1- Mountain Bike Trails- (Greg will map out trail on New Boston Road and get help with clearing)- ? CPC funds for parking lot-CPC money can be used because the land was purchased with CPC funds
  - Rank 1- Sponsors/friends- outreach-bike-a-thon
  - Rank 1- Data Collection-(can help with funding)
  - Rank 1- Survey/census-(Ken will contact Marion to look at their survey, Julianne will contact Adam at SRPEDD regarding surveys, Bill will talk with Eileen regarding adding survey to town census mailing)
- Publicity-Nancy will contact media with Bike Path Committee announcements as needed-Neighborhood News, Advocate, Standard Times
- Mention of the Neighborhood News article on Bike Path Safety

- Friends Group- Bill will check with Falmouth regarding whether Bike Path Committee members can also be members of Friends Group
- Regional Bike Path Committee Report-voted for Southcoast Bikeway to be spur of East Coast Bikeway – approximately 25% completed-they are supportive of effort for Southcoast Bikeway to extend from Providence to Provincetown-goal is for Southcoast Bikeway to be a commuter bike path-discussed adding Fairhaven Bike Path info as an insert to Southcoast Bikeway brochure
- Other Business:
  - ✓ Clean up Day- Bob and a few other citizens rode the path, cleaning up trash where noted-he reported that overall, path was pretty clean- Kathy mentioned that BPW helps to maintain path and cleanliness
  - ✓ Matt questioned if committee should be involved with DCR/Fort Phoenix- Bill reported that striping/signage down Laurel St is plan to connect to Fort Phoenix
  - ✓ Matt brought up for discussion changing name of Committee to Fairhaven Bike Ways Committee-decision to continue with current name
  - ✓ Bill discussed Transportation Improvement Plan-Town's can apply for money for bike racks
  - ✓ Kathy reported that she needs to be appointed by BPW to sit on Bike Path Committee as a representative of that Board
  - ✓ Kathy reported that she took pictures of bike path damage to BPW and graffiti was removed and damage repaired where noted-Greg provided another picture of a damaged fence that Kathy will bring back to BPW for attention
  - ✓ Julianne shared upcoming event – “Walk the Phoenix Rail Trail for Wild Edibles with Russ Cohen”- will take place on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm-group –sponsored by the Southcoast Outdoor Network
  - ✓ Julianne and Bob suggested that we publicize on website upcoming events such as: June 16<sup>th</sup>- Fall River to Dartmouth ride, June 24<sup>th</sup> Mattapoisett ride, July 14<sup>th</sup>- Cushman Park event “Bicentennial Family Fun Day”- “Bike Around Town”
  - ✓ Bob mentioned that the Sustainability Committee discussed having a Transportation Day at Farmer's Market
  - ✓ Julianne showed SRPEDD map –maps out safest routes, “produced by SRPEDD for sole purpose of aiding regional planning decisions”. Bill will get a copy put up on the web site.
- Next meeting: June 28, 2012- 7 p.m.-Town Hall