

Minutes:

Fairhaven Bike Path Committee

June 28, 2012

Attendance: Mark Badwey, Matthew Coes, Robert Espindola, Rene J. Fleurent, Jr., Nancy Greene, Kenneth Pottel, William Roth, Jr., Kathleen Sturtevant, Geoffrey Sullivan, Susan Sullivan

- May 24, 2012 meeting minutes approved
- Mission Statement-Matt wrote mission statement-accepted by committee-to be posted on website:

*“The Fairhaven Bike Path Committee is dedicated to promoting bicycling throughout the community for recreation and everyday use.*

*We seek to make Fairhaven’s streets and paths safe for all users and to educate cyclists, pedestrians and motorists on safe and lawful road use.*

*We will work with local, state and federal entities and local businesses to create and expand cycling networks and facilities in town and connecting to surrounding communities.*

*Through planning, education and encouragement, we will make Fairhaven a healthy community of riders.”*

- Scoticut Neck Crossing-  
Bill will talk with SRPEDD regarding a quick, inexpensive short-term safety fix-ask them to put on “work program” for interim solution  
Next step is to bring this short-term fix to police department  
After police, then go to BPW  
  
Matt spoke with BPW-new striping will be completed on crosswalk  
  
Need to Ask John Charbonneau (highway superintendent) how much it will cost to paint a crosswalk like Mattapoissett

- Family Fun Day- July 14<sup>th</sup>-“BikeCentennial Ride” 4.5 mile historic bike tour of Fairhaven-route was shared with group, Rene will help with signage, meet at 10 a.m. at north end of Cushman Park on Green St.-Matt will make flyers to be distributed around town –Nancy will contact the Advocate to ask them to write a story on the bike path committee to include our mission and goals and to include the fact that our committee is sponsoring the BikeCentennial Ride.
- Data Collection- Matt shared information from the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project on how to count and conduct a survey-they report *“One of the greatest challenges facing the bicycle and pedestrian field is the lack of documentation on usage and demand. Without accurate and consistent demand and usage figures, it is*

*difficult to measure the positive benefits of investments in these modes, especially when compared to the other transportation modes such as the private automobile”*

National Count Dates: May 15-17, 2012; JULY 3-5, 2012 & September 11-13, 2012

Recommended times starting at 6 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. to catch commuters. Recommended 5-7 p.m. weekdays and 12-2 p.m. on weekends with secondary times of 7a.m.-7 p.m.

Members were encouraged to contact Matt if they would like to help count

- Surveys-Ken called Marion and received their survey which was done randomly-very comprehensive. Bill reported that in 2008, a “quality of life” in Fairhaven survey was sent out with census –full report is available for review on Fairhaven Planning Board website-bike path committee could apply for CPC funds to mail a survey if the survey also included information on open space and recreation. Decision made to form subcommittee to plan survey-Rene will help Ken- they will contact the Recreation Department to include them in the survey
- Regional News- Bob took part in the Mattapoisett Ride on June 24<sup>th</sup>-approximately 30 people took part in the ride-Bob asked for donation of \$250 for our committee-has not yet heard back from them
- Fundraising- Susan will contact town accountant Ann Carreiro regarding accepting donations on Fun Day, Bob will also speak with Ann regarding setting up a “gift account”-voted to raise funds if approved by town. Ken mentioned that we should consider a bike-a-thon around town-approximately 15 mile ride to raise money for bike lane down Scoticut Neck Road to West Island-Rene will contact Adam Recchia at SRPEDD regarding bike lane on neck road
- Public Hearings- Ken suggested we consider holding a public hearing to inform public and receive input on our mission and goals
- Website- Bill encouraged committee members to submit bike path pictures which he will post on website
- Publicity- Nancy will contact the Advocate to ask them to write a story on the bike path committee to include our mission and goals and to include the fact that our committee is sponsoring the BikeCentennial Ride.
- Other business-
  - Kathy reported that our committee has been placed on the July 10<sup>th</sup> BPW agenda at 6:45 p.m. - group will discuss: safety of Scoticut Neck Road crossing, Neck Road striping, asphalt sidewalk from bike path to Wood School
  - Rene brought up for discussion- changing name of bike path committee-decision made to continue with present name
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 2012-Town Hall
- Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.