

Minutes:

Fairhaven Bike Path Committee

August 29, 2012

Attendance: Mark Badwey, Robert Espindola, Nancy Greene, Kenneth Pottel, Kathleen Sturtevant, Greg Bettencourt, Julianne Kelly

- July meeting minutes approved
- Scoticut Neck Road Crossing-members met with police chief to discuss a quick, inexpensive short-term safety fix. Chief was very positive and supportive. He requested that BPW approve fix and he will support BPW decision. Kathy will ask BPW(and BPW superintendent) if safety issue can be addressed now and if funds are available for short term fix
- Scoticut Neck Road- bike lanes can be 4 feet, however, 5 feet is preferable-concerns raised about safety of lanes-will bike lanes increase safety for bikers, but be dangerous for drivers?- would alternative such as sharrows or signage be safer than lanes? Rene will discuss safety concerns with Adam from SRPEDD
- Fundraising- discussed ideas for raising money-Gail Isaksen agreed to hold either a spaghetti dinner or cocktail party with all proceeds going to group- presently have \$500 ( \$250 donation from Sustainability Committee and \$250 from Mattapoissett group)- voted to set up separate gift account with Fairhaven Bike Path Committee control – BPW has control of present bike path account –will need to write letter to submit to selectmen for approval-ask town accountant for guidance on establishing separate account-Mark suggested that we ask police chief to speak if we are going to seek funds in future from town meeting
- Publicity-Public Hearing-purpose is to gain public support- need specific plan to present to public before scheduling hearing –wait for Kathy to discuss issues with BPW-will pass out flyers on neck and in other parts of town- advertise in Neighborhood News- provide outline of our plans and goals with initial emphasis on improving safety of Neck crossing, Neck lanes vs. alternative signage, path connecting existing bike path to Wood School- this will be an opportunity to get a list of “friends”  
We should also go into schools and provide education to children on bike safety (wearing helmets, obeying signs, etc.)
- Riverwalk- SRPEDD project-Greg will get info on status of Riverwalk
- CPC- future application for funds- will need specific plan before seeking funds
- Survey- subcommittee of Ken, Bob and Rene will continue to review Marion survey and will use Marion’s survey as guide in creating one for Fairhaven
- Connect existing bike path with Wood School-Greg reported town owns land with the exception of small piece-question if The Coalition for Buzzards Bay or Land Trust could purchase piece
- Next meeting-Thursday, September 20, 2012- Town Hall-7 p.m.