

Minutes:

Fairhaven Bike Path Committee

January 24, 2013

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

- November meeting minutes approved
- Update from Bill Roth on CPC application- Bill stated that we were approved for \$10,000 of CPC funds- will now go to Town Meeting for final approval
- Update on Sciticut Neck Crossing- Rene and Matt met with BPW superintendent Vinnie Furtado and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau-they were receptive and pleased that we are looking at this issue-John Charbonneau presented a list of safety improvements which would cost in total approximately \$40,000. These improvements involve narrowing the road, solar lights, line painting, curbing, etc. Group voted to send a letter to BPW (Bill will write) stating that we support the safety plan and prioritize the road narrowing.
- Regional Update- Ken attended regional meeting along with Bob and Julie. Ken suggested that the group meet with the Standard-Times which they did on Jan 11. At this meeting they presented information on benefits of bike paths (health, tourism, economic, etc.) The paper is planning on writing an article soon. Governor Patrick placed \$430 million dollars in his budget for bike and pedestrian paths-, budget needs to be approved, however there may be monies for projects .
There will be a public meeting to be held on March 28th at UMASS Law School
Southcoast Bikeway Committee-Bob reported (and brought one sign to meeting) that they purchased signs that state "Southcoast Bikeway" and have an arrow pointing in the proper direction that will be posted in the communities along the bikeway-he mentioned that there are 7 sign location considerations for Fairhaven. He asked Bill to help him finalize decision on 7 locations. Kathy will take sign to BPW meeting on Monday. Bob will get on the BPW agenda to discuss placing these signs on existing poles.
- Public Meeting/Forum- decision made to hold a meeting for the public on March 21st. Our regular monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 with public meeting beginning at 7 p.m.- discussed inviting people- speaking assignments reviewed, discussed possible speaker from "Livable Streets Alliance"
- Ken sent letter to selectmen requesting change in our name to **Fairhaven Bikeway Committee** and was told that letter should go to the BPW. Ken forwarded letter to BPW
- Spring event- Molly agreed to chair a spring event to likely be held on May 8th which is National Bike to School Day
- Fairhaven Homecoming-discussed having a booth-Ken will make inquiries
- Next meeting-Thursday, February 28, 2013- Town Hall-7 p.m.