

Minutes:

Fairhaven Bike Path Committee

February 28, 2013

Attendance: Mark Badwey, Matthew Coes, Robert Espindola, Rene J. Fleurent, Jr., Nancy Greene, Kenneth Pottel, Geoffrey Sullivan, Susan Sullivan, Freddie Estremera, Molly Labrode

1. BPW meeting: Rene, Ken and Bob met with BPW  
BPW agreed to install South Coast Bikeway signs-locations were decided prior to meeting.  
Sconticut Neck crossing- BPW supports plan to make crossing safer, however, they would like to conduct another study.  
BPW hopes to add 2 inches to existing bike path surface-would cost ~\$100,000 –could be done in sections- (neck road to Main St. section is ~1.2 miles would cost ~ \$48,359)- funding is a concern- BPW is pleased that a group such as ours exists that may be able to fundraise to help with this project-? obtaining CPC funds in the future for this project  
South Coast Bikeway has asked our group to sponsor two rides in Fairhaven during National Bike Week- Molly and Freddie will plan 8-10 mile route, Rene will plan 25 mile route-both to begin and end at Fort Phoenix and include our path- will showcase the beauty of our path and town
2. Regional Update: South Coast Bikeway committee met with the Fall River Herald-an article on the proposed bikeway will soon appear in the paper. Plan- meet with business groups in the Fall River area to discuss plans for the bikeway. South Coast Bikeway summit-March 28, - to be held at UMASS Dartmouth Law School from 6-8 p.m.-Craig Della Penna-Rails to Trails will speak- Bill Straus – House Chairman of the Joint Commission on Transportation will be present and John Walkey - T4MA
3. Forum- decision made to hold on April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Miller from livable streets has agreed to speak. Matt will make flyer for forum. Members will present (see prior minutes for assignments)
4. United Way Mini Grant- Bob attended mini grant workshop- decision made to pursue grant for the regional group (South Coast Bikeway)- Fairhaven, as part of the South Coast Bikeway could use ~ \$500 of this grant for a bike rodeo or other event/s
5. Freddie discussed New Bedford to Fairhaven bike route connection- surface on ramp is not desirable-he also discussed bridge and need for path-he suggested possibility of multimodal sidewalk on bridge-need to bring concerns and suggestions to appropriate individuals- Freddie also discussed Fairhaven Bike Path concerns-rocks on path near Orient St.-BPW will clean path in this area if notified- garbage coming from Stop and Shop dumpster which has been left uncovered blowing onto path-need to notify manager
6. Safe Routes to School-Molly contacted Interact Club teacher advisors at Fairhaven High School who expressed interest in helping with an activity on National Bike to School Day
7. Next meeting: Thursday- March 21, 2013- 7 p.m.