

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, May 23, 2013

Attendance: Kenneth Pottel, Kathleen Sturtevant, Mat Coes, Rene Fleurent, Bob Espindola, Mark Badwey, Susan Sullivan, Geoff Sullivan,

Planning Director: William Roth was also in attendance.

1. Minutes of April 25, 2013 Committee Meeting were approved.
2. Election of chair, vice chair and recorder postponed until next meeting anticipating new appointments.
3. Sub Committees – Mat Coes introduced the idea of assigning leaders/subcommittees to head the committee's projects. This would make sure that information and questions pertaining to particular project have a focus point.
Discussion devolved into various subjects that should or should not have subcommittees including mapping, the Bike Path proper,
4. Safe Routes to Schools Update-Mr. Coes and Ken Pottel briefed the committee on our meeting with Erin Reed of the MassDOT's Safe Routes to School program.
SRTS Is a multi tiered program that has a lot to offer right from the start. They help with education, assessments and, down the road, planning and construction funds. Ms. Reed is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable partner
We will set up a meeting with the superintendent, principals and school nurses along with Ms. Reed in June to encourage them to enroll in the program.
5. Regional Updates (approval of expenditures) not discussed
6. Prices for striping for Sconticut Neck - briefly updated status of Sconticut Neck Bike Path crossing and striping along Sconticut Neck. Bill Roth reminded us that painting projects are not one-time costs. Paint wears out and must be repainted.
7. Bike Counts –Mr. Coes was only able to do one counting session during this Spring's National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project's Spring counting days due to bad weather. We will be sharing Fairhaven's data with Jackie Schmidt of SRPEDD and the NBPDP.
8. Review of Bike event on the 18th - Bob Espindola and Mr. Pottel along with Geoff and Susan Sullivan reviewed the very successful May 18th Family Ride. Neighborhood News had an extensive article and photos about the event and we went over some of the success.
9. Bike Rack plan of action - Mr. Coes discussed placement of racks by the town: West Island, Town Hall. Mr. Roth reminded us of SRPEDD funds available to purchase racks for the town. Guest Freddie Estremera, Chairman of the New Bedford Bike Committee briefed us on their efforts to procure bike racks.
10. Flashing Beacons –for Sconticut Neck crossing. Rene Fleurent has gotten price estimates

for beacons of this sort, but expressed concern that the beacons are not enough for that location, that major road construction needs to happen.

11. Chapter 90 increase in funding? Mr. Roth briefed the committee on the status of Chapter 90 State Highway funds as related to the State budget still in negotiation. If there is an increase in Chapter 90 funding, Mr. Roth will work with Fairhaven DPW to plan a bike path resurfacing project that would be funded from elsewhere in the State budget.
12. Implementing signage approved by Town Meeting and CPC –Mr. Roth will work with DPW to find specific placement of signs and sharrows. Funding becomes available in July.
13. Revolving acct update: Mr. Espindola spoke of the rules of creating and maintaining a revolving account. Account must be approved annually by Town Meeting. Mr. Roth advised against seeking to create a revolving account. Mr. Coes asked if a "Friends of the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee" could manage funds for Fairhaven Bikeway Committee projects. It was established the Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Roth will research forming a Gift Account for the committee.
14. Any other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting:
 - Mattapoisett's Bike Path committee has finalized negotiations with the YMCA camp for Bike Path placement in Mattapoisett.
 - Committee approved proposed Fairhaven Bikeway Committee logo.
15. Next meeting June 27 2013, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mat Coes