

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, August 29, 2013

7pm meeting called to Order

Attendance: Kenneth Pottel, Rene Fleurent, Bob Espindola, Mark Badwey, Susan Sullivan, Geoff Sullivan

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

1. Bob Espindola gave an update on Committee sponsored Summer Bike Rides. The rides are getting an attendance of up to 12 riders per week. There have been multiple return riders, including families. The group recommends that we align our effort with other groups offering regular touring rides for reciprocal attendance and joint outings.
2. Mat Coes, Chairman Ken Pottel and Mr. Espindola gave an update on the status of the committee's Safe Routes to School Program. On August 22nd, Messrs. Espindola and Coes, along with Erin Reed of MassDOT, Nurse Denise Valois of the Wood School, Officer Laurie Cannon, Safety Officer of the Fairhaven Police Dept. and Vincent Furtado, BPW Superintendent met to assess the Walk and Bike-ability of the new Wood School property and surroundings. Safe approaches and routes were discussed with valuable input from all parties. The first occurrence date was discussed for the week of October 9th with final date choice to be determined by sub-committee discussion with school officials. Possible incentives for children, along with maintenance of the program by volunteers were broached and suggestions heard. Mr. Coes was enlisted to create a promotional piece that will go home to parents. The piece will advertise the program and encourage sign-ups. *Later in the meeting, logistics concerning the crossing of driveways were discussed. Mr. Espindola proposed enlisting neighborhood senior citizens to act as crossing guards at driveways. Motion to spend up to \$100 from existing committee funds on flyers for the schools was made and passed.
3. The Committee's banner location was determined and safe keeping discussed.
4. Bill Roth apprised the committee of the funds awarded us by the CPC. Current pricing of signage and templates will allow for extra paint and supplies to be purchased, safeguarding the endurance of the markings we install.
5. Mr Pottel has informed the committee that a Gift Account has been created and approved by the Board of Selectmen. We have been instructed on usage and limitations of the account. Susan Sullivan is our committee accountant
6. Mr Espindola proposed joint bike rides with the active Fall River Bicycle committee.
7. Messrs. Coes, Espindola and Roth updated the committee on the SRPEDD Bike Rack Program. Requests for proposal will be announced this fall. Racks will be purchased with committee funds from approved vendors and cost will be reimbursed by SRPEDD.
8. Other business: A Bikeway Committee booth was proposed for the upcoming Harvest Days Festival in October. All members are inclined to have the committee participate. Information on booth cost and location pending.
9. Next meeting set on Thursday, September 19, 2013

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Coe