

Minutes  
Bikeway Committee  
Thursday, January 16, 2014

7pm meeting called to Order

Attendance: Ken Pottel, Mark Badwey, Rene Fleurent, Joyce Barret, Geoff Sullivan and Mat Coes

Minutes of November 21, 2013 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: \$705 in account

Bike Bus Project for Spring 2014

- Kickoff date agreed as early April, likely April 1st
- Day of the week, as well as running the program on multiple days discussed
- Mat Coes proposes events leading up to the Bike Bus kickoff. A bicycle maintenance party for families, a Bike Rodeo event and a safety course.
- Ken Pottel has arranged a Spaghetti Dinner that will be part of the lead-up (see 14). The Safety course is a program of MassDOT and MassBike and would be coordinated through MassDOT. We may wait until later in the season for this.

Mr. Coes informed the committee of an impromptu meeting with Erin Reed of MassDOT. The FBC Bike Bus will be featured at the Mass Safe Routes to School Forum, March 4th from 8am to 3pm. Bike Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Agenda Item #5 CPC Update: No discussion

Conversation around the Transportation Bond Bill, its meaning and implications for our town, committee and region was discussed.

Agenda Item #7 Main & Middle St update: No discussion

Mr. Coes invited all committee members to "Like" the Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Fairhavenbikeway](http://www.facebook.com/Fairhavenbikeway) All committee members were invited to become moderators of the page and post on the page.

MassDOT hearing on Draft Capital Investment plan will be held Wednesday Feb. 5 at UMass Dartmouth. Last year's hearing was reviewed.

Mr. Pottel brought up Steve Miller's visit and proposed marking the painted shoulders along Alden Road as Bike Lanes. Rene Fleurent reminded us that CPC funding awarded monies for signage and surface painting along that road that has not yet occurred. Group discussion determined that we should see what impact the signage and painting has on the road before undertaking further action.

Discussion as to National Bike Week, and how it aligns with our Bike Bus kickoff.

Mr. Pottel will speak to Vinnie Furtado to request that fog lines along Scoticut Neck Road as recommended in SRPEDD's 2009 safety audit be added to the upcoming year's budget.

Mr. Pottel and Mr. Espindola, through their involvement with the South Coast Bikeway Committee and this committee, have been asked to be part of the Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge study committee.

Other Business:

Mr. Pottel has arranged to host a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Bikeway Committee's programs including the Wood School Bike Bus. Gail Isaksen will arrange the food and services of Elizabeth's Restaurant on a Monday TBD in March. This will coincide with the Bike Bus Kickoff events.

The Committee will arrange serving and it was recommended to have a survey for attendees to fill out.

Next meeting- February 20, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mat Coes