

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, March 20, 2014

7pm meeting called to Order

1. In attendance: Mark Badwey, Lois Callahan, Mat Coes, Rene Fleurent, Joe Mello, Geoff Sullivan, Ken Pottel
2. Minutes approved
3. Treasurer's report \$709 in account
4. Jackie Schmidt of SRPEDD discussed their bike rack program, answered questions and clarified procedures for the availability and reimbursement for purchases of bike racks to be placed on approved public properties up to \$2500.
- 5, 16, 17. Committee voted to pay for shipping costs associated with the program. BPW has agreed to install approved racks. Committee discussed rack models. Initial funding of the program—article before Annual Town Meeting or asking businesses to donate and be reimbursed discussed. Committee voted to put article before Annual Town Meeting.
6. Final spaghetti dinner plans discussed. Event sold to capacity, raffle proposed.
- 7, 18. Ken Pottel and Mat Coes met with Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson to discuss the Spring Bike Bus and a few other proposed events. Ms. Hartley-Matteson made it clear she is a proponent of the Bike Bus. The Fall program is viewed as a success. Messrs. Pottel and Coes informed Ms. Hartley-Matteson of the Committee's recognition at MassDOT's Safe Routes to School conference. Proposal of additional bike racks on school property were met with approval. (SRPEDD program). Proposal of a biking event at the school on a weekend was discussed. Discussion of MassDOT's free bicycle safety classes were met with approval. Beginning the Spring Bike Bus on April 4th is approved.
8. Bike Bus T-shirt design proposed and discussed. Funding and quantities discussed.
9. Messrs. Pottel and Coes relayed lessons and information from the MassDOT Safe Routes to School conference. Our award was displayed and presentation to the town, and future display were discussed. A new frame for the certificate was proposed.
10. Mr. Coes volunteered to repaint the main Phoenix trail signs. Some signs need repair beyond the scope of paint.
11. Bike Bus logistics discussed: including enlisting additional parent volunteers and lessons learned from the Fall. As discussed with Ms. Hartley-Matteson.
12. A Bike Rodeo event for kids proposed for one of the weekends of Bike Week in May (As discussed with Ms. Hartley-Matteson)—Committee voted to schedule a 2nd annual Family Ride for one of these weekends and perhaps include the Rodeo as part of the event. Bob Espindola will contact SRPEDD and the South Coast regional committee to enlist help with the event.
13. Mr. Coes informed the committee of Bicycle safety classes available through MassDOT for 4-8th graders. This is an in-class program. As discussed with Ms. Hartley-Matteson.
14. Mr. Espindola briefed the committee on the upcoming Southcoast Bikeway summit. It will be great with an excellent speaker and post-event part at Cork bar.
15. Mr. Pottel informed the committee of progress of the Transportation Bond Bill. Much of the funding for Bicycle paths and infrastructure has been restored to the bill. Progress will depend on the next governor.

Committee begins to grow restless.

19. Status of road and crosswalk enhancements at Orchard, Pleasant streets and David Drown Blvd and fog lines on Sconticut Neck Road discussed.

20. No update on Alden Road lanes proposal.

21. No update on Middle/Main street proposal

23. Meeting adjourned 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mat Coes