

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, April 10, 2014

Meeting called to order 7PM.

Full Quorum in attendance.

Treasurer's Report \$1891 in account

SRPEDD Bike Rack Order discussed. Subcommittee's determinations were re-evaluated and discussed. Geoff and Susan Sullivan were encouraged to go ahead with the next phase of the SRPEDD order. Committee was briefed on the schedule of order, delivery, installation, evaluation and reimbursement by SRPEDD. Delivery costs (to DPW) will come from Committee funds.

Committee voted to attend the Earth Day event at Fairhaven Senior Center. A Bike Path cleanup event organized by Jeffrey Wotten will happen the same morning. Mat Coes will be the primary event attendee and encourages the Committee to volunteer for some time at the table.

Final go-ahead for Bike Bus T-Shirts endorsed. Mr. Coes will coordinate with Ken Pottel and the screen printing company to deliver art for the shirts. Shirt costs will come from Committee funds. Children's shirts will be given to Bike Bus riders and Adult shirts will be sold (cost to be determined).

Bob Espindola discussed his preparation for a United Way grant for odometers for the Bike Bus riders. Committee voted to apply for this grant for odometers and to promote wellness among the children using the Wood School Bike Bus.

Mr. Pottel has volunteered to lead a 2nd day of Wood School Bike Bus on Tuesdays. Mr. Coes will update Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson and the Bike Bus email list.

May 10th Group Ride and Rodeo.

- Rene Fleurent will create group ride routes
- Mr. Coes will run the Bike Rodeo-skills course
- Mr. Espindola will announce the event at the Selectmen's meeting
- Committee voted to support the event in full.

The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee will present the MassDOT Safe Routes to School program recognition of their efforts surrounding the Wood School Bike Bus to the Town of Fairhaven at the Selectman's meeting on April 28th 2014. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Messrs Pottel and Espindola updated the Committee on efforts surrounding the shoulder area of Alden road and their possible conversion to Bike lanes. There is minimal active parking along the road. The current status of 'defacto' bike lanes vs. marked bike lanes was discussed.

Mr. Fleurent introduced the idea of joining the organization 'MassBike' to the Committee. MassBike is a powerful force in lobbying and education around cycling issues. Mr. Fleurent encouraged individual members to join the group, and volunteered to inquire of the group membership or for the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee.

Mr. Espindola's update on the status of the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance mentions a prominent speaker's endorsement of the Alliance as "...the strongest alliance in the state"

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Mat Coes