Minutes Bikeway Committee Thursday, May 15, 2014

Meeting called to order 7PM.

In attendance: Ken Pottel, Matt Coes, Rene Fleurent, Bob Espindola, Joe Mello, Joyce Barrett; Absent Geoffrey Sullivan, Susan Sullivan, Jeffrey Wotton, Lois Callahan-Moore

Minutes approved.

No treasurers report.

Wood School Bike Bus update. Weather has been unfavorable, but attendance has been in the 15-20 range at the Downtown/Rogers location. Sconticut Neck Bus is on hold for the time being.

Ken Pottel has started a Tuesday Bike Bus.

Mr. Pottel would like to meet with the Wood School PTO to give an update of the year's Safe Routes to School progress and future plans.

May 10th events were successful despite poor weather conditions. The rides went well with full Police escort. Bike Rodeo was chilly, had scant attendance, but overall was a good practice run for future events.

Mat Coes updated the Committee on upcoming Bicycle Safety classes for the Wood School. As part of Mass Safe Routes to School, an instructor from the MassBike organization will give multiple presentations to 4th and 5th graders on bike safety.

Line painting (fog lines) for David Drown Boulevard have been requested for Spring/Summer painting schedule.

Signs and Sharrow template from last year's CPC monies have been ordered and some already received. Items will be delivered to BPW and installed by BPW as schedule allows. Bill Roth will coordinate with John Charbonneau to mark sign locations.

Through the South COast Bikeway Committee, Mr Pottel and Bob Espindola met with Jackie Schmidt of SRPEDD to discuss Alden Road which is being studied by for improvements.

Committee voted to have a table at this year's Homecoming Fair. Discussion around raffling a kid's bicycle. Last Saturday in June.

Monies for crossing beacon at Sconticut Neck Road will be available July 1.

Other Business

Rene Fleurent promoted MassBike and its excellent programs.

Mr. Coes appealed for help on upcoming bike/ped counting days.

Mr Espindola inquired about weekly rides throughout the summer. As yet undetermined.

Mr Espindola has received interest in flower planting along the Path. The committee is in support of this effort.

Respectfully submitted

Mat Coes