

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Thursday, June 19, 2014

Meeting called to order 7PM.

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

New Member, Jeffrey Wotton introduced.

Minutes of May 15, 2014, were approved.

Officers Elected:

Ken Pottel, Chairman

Geoff Sullivan, Vice-Chairman

Susan Sullivan, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report: \$1223.25

Update on SRPEDD Bike Racks: Geoff Sullivan informed us that the bike racks ordered have arrived at the DPW. Mr. Sullivan will take pictures of the install locations before installations per SRPEDD guidelines. Mr. Sullivan will tour the locations with John Charbonneau of the Highway Dept. to determine exact placement.

Mat Coes updated the committee on the final weeks of the Bike Bus. Attendance is steady at 18-20 kids and 8-10 adults on Fridays, a few fewer on Tuesdays. T-shirts are still available for children and adults.

June Homecoming Fair planning: Committee will have a table in prime location. Display banner, literature and committee members will be displayed. Committee votes to expend \$150 toward a children's bicycle to be raffled during the Homecoming Fair. Mr. Coes will visit Wal-Mart to choose the bike.

Mr. Coes updated the committee on the Bicycle Safety classes that took place at Wood School. An instructor from MassBike (contracted by Mass Safe Routes to School) held a number of sessions with 4th and 5th graders on bicycle preparation, proper attire and road safety. The teachers and Principal (and the students) were very happy with the program, We hope they can continue next year.

Roadway enhancements:

- David Drown Blvd has been painted with fog lines. Motorist behavior has changed dramatically and Mr. Coes reports that he is much more comfortable leading the Bike Bus along that stretch of the Bike Path.
- Scoticut Neck Road will receive Fog Lines once surface improvements have been completed.
- "Bike Route" signage has been installed throughout town.
- "Share the Road" signage will be installed first on Scoticut Neck (complete), next on New Boston Road.

United Way Odometer/Health program grant has been received. A committee member must be present at award ceremony in order to receive the grant. Bob Espindola cannot attend, Mr. Sullivan and Susan Sullivan volunteered to attend.

Mr. Espindola discussed the National Bike Challenge, a program of the League of American Bicyclists in which riders can register and communities compete on a mileage basis. The South Coast Bikeway Alliance has registered a challenge and we can join their team.

<https://nationalbikechallenge.org/team/4669>

Funds for the crossing beacon at Scoticut Neck Road become available July 1. Mr. Coes will gather information on competing companies to submit to the BPW.

Adult Bike Bus T-shirts will be given to the regular riders; any extras will be given out to committee members and at the Homecoming Fair.

The committee vote unanimously to authorized Bill Roth, to sign CPC bills for ATM 5/4/13, Art. 31E– Bikeways Safety Project.

Committee member Joe Mello was in a collision with a car in Acushnet. The driver was at fault, passing Mr. Mello then cutting him off with a right turn. Mrs. Sullivan reports that he is recovering with back injuries. The driver was charged.

Meeting adjourned 8PM

Respectfully Submitted

Mat Coes