

Minutes
Bikeway Committee
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Meeting called to order 7PM.

In attendance: Ken Pottel, Geoff Sullivan, Lois Callahan, Bob Espindola, Susan Sullivan, Gary Lavalette, Mat Coes, Jeff Wotton, Absent Rene Fleurent, Joe Mello, Joyce Barrett

Susan reported that we have a balance of 1316.28 in our account

We welcomed our newest committee member Gary Lavalette

Geoff reported that one of the bike racks has been installed and the others will be installed soon

Mat reported the meeting with the new Safe Routes to School Coordinator went well and is looking forward to continuing to going forward and expanding our bike bus project. Ken and Mat both met Otero Nitza Mass DOT Safe Routes to School Coordinator. Ken informed the committee that last spring when he and Mat met with the Wood School principal that she had said that once the bike racks are located on the north side of the school near the basketball courts that she would be willing to have a staff member assigned and to allow the bike bus students to be dismissed a few minutes early out of the gym door so that they could go to their bikes and leave. The past year Ken reported that they had to wait until all the students were dismissed and then wait until all the parents and the students left and then the bike bus left. This should be a real incentive for students to be part of the bike bus. Ken also talked about having a bulletin board at the school with photos of the bike bus students. Mat talked about next year being in position to seek funding first from an engineering study which could lead to a grant dealing with the crossing at the neck and the narrow sidewalk along Route 6 to the school

Bob talked about the grant from the United Way, which would pay for odometers for the bike bus students. He felt and the committee agreed that we need to order odometers that also count calories. Susan agreed to look into what companies and to collaborate with Bob on this

Bob encouraged the committee to be part of the South Coast Challenge and Ken mentioned the presentation by Craig DellePenna in Westport scheduled for the following day.

Gary brought up the issue of damage being done by the BPW mowing the grass too close to the park benches. Ken agreed to bring this up with Vinny.

The issue of getting bids for the flashing beacons was discussed and Mat was of the opinion that Vinny was going to get the three bids. Mat said he had given Vinny the information that he needed.

Ken asked that a sub-committee meet with parents to make plans for the bike bus in the fall and that this meeting take place the week before the scheduled meeting of the Bike Way Committee which would be on August 14, 2014 at the town hall. Mat mentioned that the parents would be contacted and invited to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8PM

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Potell