

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

In attendance: Bill Roth, Ken Pottel, Mat Coes, Geoff Sullivan, Gary Lavalette, Susan Sullivan, Jeff Wotton, Bob Espindola (arrived 7:25).

Susan reported that we have \$1073.25 in the operating account.

Ken had mentioned some frost heaves on the bike path towards the Mattapoisett end and wondered if it would be an option to repave that section with CPC funds, Bill had seemed to think that would be highly unlikely at this point and the discussion was tabled.

Ken had mentioned about getting some additional signage for the bike path to remind people that no motorized vehicles are allowed. It was also brought up that the entrance signs in a couple locations are in poor shape. Bill suggested Ken look into locations and sign options and costs for a CPC application.

There was some discussion about pruning back some trees and shrubs at a couple of the vistas overlooking little bay from the bike path, it was suggested to have the BPW look into it. Jeff suggested that he and his brother could do it in the spring when they organize the next bike path clean up; it was recommended however that we at least seek approval from the BPW first. Jeff said he would take a picture of the areas and send them to the BPW to ask for permission to prune those trees in the spring from John Charbonneau.

There was some discussion about the new and improved fog lines on Scoticut neck, everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was quite an improvement and made them feel safer.

There was some discussion about there not being a lot of CPC funds left. It was also mentioned that there was a least one more bike rack to be installed, Ken was going to check with Vinny from the DPW to inquire about its installation.

The Harvest Fun Day at the Fairhaven Visitors Center this October was discussed, our committee will be splitting a booth with the SCBA. It was also suggested that since there is a scarecrow contest that perhaps we could submit a bicycling related scarecrow. We also still need some commitments to who can attend and station the booth and at what times.

There was some discussion about the future connections of the bike path to the New Bedford Bridge. Bill had mentioned some potential plans to re route Middle Street and Main Street into one way, thus alleviating some traffic safety concerns, and be able to install a bike lane that would connect to Route 6.

There was discussion about the options for the new signal to be installed on the Scoticut neck crossing of the bike path. A couple members felt that the signal with the sensor would be best; however, others felt that the push button would be the best option. The premise of their argument being that many people will stop and gather at that intersection, if there was a sensor there it would trigger the signal needlessly and that after time people might begin to ignore the signal if they often see it blinking for no good reason. It was also suggested to change the specs on the proposal from the RI signal company of the base of the unit from steel to aluminum to prevent corrosion. It also seems that the RI signal co. is the favorite at this point as they are local and have been the most responsive.

It was brought to the committee's attention the importance of attending the Sept 25th meeting at the Old Hammond Town School for the discussion with the town and departments from the state, the extension of the bike path into Mattapoisett.

The bike computers have been received and some have been handed out. There was some discussion as to the best means in which to distribute the remainder of the computers as there was concern now that there may not be enough after the great initial turnouts of the bike bus. It was mentioned that they would be handed out first come first serve and that if there was demand for more that perhaps we would purchase some out of the committees operating account.

Regarding the bike bus it was mentioned that if nobody showed the next week to the Orchard Street bike stop that that stop would be eliminated from the route, but other than that initial turnout has been strong.

There were still some questions about the benches on the bike path being hit by the tractors of the public works department. It was agreed that someone should talk to the BPW, and it was also recommended that any time a bench like this goes in it should be done so on a concrete pad to prevent the machines from being able to come that close or having to come that close.

Meeting adjourned around 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Wotton