

**Bikeway Committee Minutes**  
**January 15, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Quorum and Attendance

Quorum met, in attendance: Ken Pottel, Geoff Sullivan, Mat Coes, Bob Espindola, Rene Fleurent, and Gary Lavallette

2. Dec. 18 2014, Minutes Approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's report: \$1316.28 in account

4. Town Annual Report committee summary had been circulated via email for additions and corrections. Report was submitted missing some additions. If possible, will be amended, otherwise approved as-is.

5. South Coast Bikeway Alliance update: Bob Espindola spread word and flyers for SRPEDD's open house in Dartmouth looking for feedback on bike infrastructure in the South Coast. There is also an Online Survey to the same end. SCBA and SRPEDD are exploring a new on/off road route through Westport/Dartmouth. Trail would include portions of SE Mass Bioserve.

6. Discussion on Bike Bus promotion. Ideas include point systems with rewards for attendance, coordinating with school's wellness committee, weekly prizes. Discussion turned to Bike Bus promotion in relation to overall committee promotions for the spring including the fundraiser (below item 7), in-school bike/ped safety instruction and a bike fix-it day leading up to the beginning of Bike Bus.

7. Ken Pottel advised the committee that Gail Isakson has again volunteered Elizabeth's restaurant for a fundraiser benefitting the committee's activities. A range of dates was discussed for her approval.

8. Mr. Pottel has written a letter to Fairhaven Improvement Association requesting help with repairing/replacing signage at the entries to the Phoenix Bike Path (CPC denied funding for this use). Committee proposed including other town improvement associations and Fairhaven Business Association. Gary Lavalette proposed stone signage. Stone would be procured free of charge, committee/donors would pay for engraving. Mr. Lavalette will get an estimate from Rex Monument Co. Committee generally interested in outcome of this development.

9. Jeff Wotton not present, but will again lead a Bike Path clean-up day in April. Rene Fleurent would like to get the Scout troops involved through "Keep America Beautiful" group.

10. Mr. Fleurent to reach out to MassBike and other groups for assistance in working with Buzzards Bay Coalition on Bike Path on new Conservation Area land in East Fairhaven (Nasketucket Bay).
11. SRPEDD recently visited the Selectmen and the idea of improving safety and traffic flow on Main and Middle streets was discussed. This project is on Planner Bill Roth's long-term planning.
12. Mr. Fleurent updated the committee on developments around narrowing the road at the crossing of Scoticut Neck and the Bike Path. Various construction techniques and costs have been discussed by BPW/Highway dept.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Mat Coes