

**Bikeway Committee Minutes**  
**February 19, 2015**

1. Quorum and attendance – present were Mat Coes, Rene Fleurent, Bob Espindola, Lois Callahan and Jeffrey Wotton. Bill Roth, Planning Director was also present.
2. Minutes from January 15, 2015 were approved
3. The treasurer's report was not read
4. We discussed the bike path clean up scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Bill had mentioned about reaching out to John Charbonneau to put in a request for bags, grabbers and possible bag pick up.

Earth Day expo, we discussed having a booth there again this year, and then we also discussed possibly using that day and event for the bike maintenance event as well.

As far as the bike maintenance event there was some discussion about a possible partnership with a Yesteryear Bike Shop or REI to have someone come down and give tips on how to maintain and fix your bike, Rene also volunteered to do some of that as well, Mat and Bob wanted to make it clear that it would also be a day where we could help fix kids bikes so they can get back to riding. No date set yet, possibly at earth day event.

Bike bus kickoff. Mat had mentioned he is still working on coordinating with someone from the states safe routes to school program about doing some safety training before the kickoff. No date set yet for the kickoff, Mat was going to see when they started last year and move it out a little bit as it was a bit chilly last time. We are also looking for someone to lead either the bike bus from the neck or a walking bus. Jeff mentioned he had someone in mind. He will reach out to her to see if she will coordinate.

Crossing lights for the Sconticut Neck Road have arrived and are at the BPW.

5. Signage, waiting for Gary to report back on a rock sign option, need pricing from him
6. Homecoming fair, Bills going to see when we need to reserve a booth, which the committee will do again this year. However, since the bike raffle was a bit more complicated than originally thought, we tried to think of some different ideas to attract attention to the booth, someone had mentioned how the New Bedford committee had a stationary bike hooked up to a generator that powered some lights, so we are looking into something like that which would bring people over and get kids involved.
7. New brochure for the committee is available, we just need to see if more need to be printed  
Speaking of brochures, Bob had mentioned that Chris Richards at the Visitors Center requested a bike path map, Bob had suggested maybe just making one sign for there, people could then snap a picture on their phones if need be. Mat said he would design the bikeway map for Fairhaven, will probably need to be printed on 11x17 poster.
8. Marion bikeway, there seems to be some positive momentum in Marion, so Bob suggested we send a letter of support to them, we feel if they can get theirs going that could pressure Mattapoissett to do the same.

March 26<sup>th</sup> will be the SCBA bike summit at Whites of Westport. Event is free to attend and we encourage all committee members to attend, there will be door prizes and snacks. The time is 5:30-7:30 and the main speaker is Nicole Friedman.

9. SCBA bike challenge starts again in may and will go for 5 months; we talked about getting more people involved in logging their rides for the challenge.
10. T shirts – we discussed ordering more shirts to be given out at the bike bus kickoff, Mat said he would work on a new design and look into pricing to see how much we can budget, we discussed using that as incentive for the kickoff, and first 30 people to show up get a free shirt.

Nasketucket / Shaw Rd– there has been some land there designated to Conservation, a new trail has been cut connecting the farm to the Nasketucket State Reservation in Mattapoisett. We discussed looking at a DCR grant to make it a more bike friendly stone dust path.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 8pm