

Bikeway Committee Minutes
September 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:20

1. Attendance: Mat Coes, Bill Roth, Rene Fleurent Jr., Bob Espindola, Geoffrey Sullivan
Absent: Ken Pottel, Jeff Wotton, Joyce Barrett, Lois Callahan and Joseph Mello, Jr.
2. Minutes were approved from the July 16, 2015 meeting.
3. Bill Roth indicated that there was \$2,044.80 in the account.
4. Sub Committees Report:
 - Beautification Report: There was no report because Mr. Pottel was absent, due to having hip surgery.
 - Wood School Bike Bus: Matt indicated that he was recruiting additional parents to take over for next year and he has contacted the High School Interact Club to help with the pickup in the afternoons.
 - Southcoast Bikeway Alliance: Bob gave an update on the Bike Challenge and Mattapoissett edged out Fairhaven for the award and the ceremony will be on September 19th.
5. Upcoming Events:
 - Harvest Fun Day: Matt paid the entry fee. Will be held on October 10. Rene, Bob, Matt, Geoff will all be there. Bill Roth will send email to other members reminding them to come and help out.
6. Infrastructure Update: Bob discussed how the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance wanted to have signage to indicate how to get from Route 6 at Middle St. to the Bike Path. Matt mentioned that sharrows could be put on Middle Street. Bob also indicated a desire from the Alliance to work on how to cross Route 6 to access Mariner soccer fields and other locations such as New Boston Road.

New Business:
7. Orchard Street crossing safety: Discussion on improvements such as striping, signing, flashing pedestrian crossing. Bill will meet with John Charbonneau about suggestions.
8. Pope's Island/MassDot: Bill indicated that he met with MassDot on the issue of directing bikes to the south side to get to New Bedford. MassDot will be looking in to a protected crossing in the area between Dunkin Donuts and the Marina.
9. Complete Streets: Matt will compile the research and give it to Bill so a presentation can be made to the Selectmen, BPW and Planning Board on seeking certification.
10. CPC application: Matt discussed the proposal to put Historical looking hitching post style bike racks in the grass strips surrounding Town Hall. Bill mentioned that a presentation

to the Selectmen and their approval would be needed to proceed. The Committee voted to have Matt and Bill work on the application and presentation.

11. Other Business: Discussion on plowing the bike path in the winter occurred. It was decided to check to see what other communities such as Mattapoisett and Falmouth do during the winter.
12. Next meeting will be October 15, 2015
12. 8:15 Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

William Roth