

Bikeway Committee Minutes

October 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:15

1. Attendance: Lois Callahan, Mat Coes, Bob Espindola, Rene Fleurent Jr., Ken Pottel, Bill Roth, Jeff Wotton,
Absent: Geoffrey Sullivan, , Joyce Barrett, and Joseph Mello, Jr.
2. Minutes of September 17, 2015 were approved
3. Treasurers report, account balance was \$2044.80
4. Sub Committee Reports:
 - Beautification project at little bay extension – committee looking at getting a sign and a bench to start the project – looking at village signs for the signage they did the one by Shaw Rd. – we want to give some history on the Wampanoag’s of the area, maybe tied into the local vegetation or something, quote from village for a 12x18 sign was \$55 – we have not been able to finalize plant selection yet – we also discussed having a separate crew focus on removing the invasive from that area in the spring on the same day as the bike path clean up, that would get the ball rolling for planting.
 - Bike bus update, bike bus is doing well but Mat is still looking for someone to take that over moving forward
 - SCBA update – Mattapoisett won the challenge – overall it went well, the group is planning fundraisers for next year. Walking music group – a group that travels and plays music where they stop for the night, we are looking at writing a letter of support to get them to follow the path in Fairhaven and stop for a show
5. Orchard St – Bill to check with BPW about updates
6. Bike racks outside Town Hall – Mat spoke with the historical committee about placing bike racks around Town Hall that look like old hitching posts – the historical committee said they are fine with the idea as long as they have input in the final placement – we have until November 6th, to submit the CPC application, Mat will follow up.
7. Popes Island discussion – Bill met with MassDOT – spoke with someone from New Bedford as well – they all agree the crossing there is an issue, Bill will ask about getting a sign at Middle St. crossing directing bike traffic to the south side of the bridge – all the feedback has been given to the bridge study commission.
8. Complete streets update – possible workshop at SCBA summit, other than that nothing to report
9. Bill would like to get a coating over the existing bike path as tip funding
10. Winter meeting schedule – No November meeting, No December meeting, we will meet again in January on the 21, 2106.
11. Fundraising – we will do the spaghetti dinner again. Mat spoke about adding a late summer fundraiser at captain barnacles mini golf, they said they would donate the place for a few hours, we could sell tickets to come, maybe have a food or ice cream truck as well to make it a nice social event
12. Earth day clean-up will be in April again for the bike path, the first Saturday after earth day. Rene had spoken to the Fairhaven lions club about sponsoring the event, which may give us an angle to approach another sponsor about the beautification project area as well