



Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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February 2, 2009

The February 2, 2009 meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judi Weil at 4:26 PM.

Members:

Present: Judi Weil, Chairperson, Jim Demaree, Vice Chairperson, Anne Carron, Secretary, Patricia Bradley, Alison Flynn and Kevin Higgins.

Guests: Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison, Resident John Fallender; Resident Rick Sigel (arrived mid-meeting).

Public Comment

Mr. Fallender announced Truro was going to have a Bike and Walkways Committee and they hope to have trails to Provincetown. He suggested our committee help them along if they so desire.

Minutes

Because we did not have a quorum in January, we have no minutes. Minutes of the December meeting were motioned to be approved and seconded, with no discussion, 5-0-1.

Review and Update Action Items:

103: Accident Log

Kevin has no accidents to report.

106: Safe Routes to School Program

Pat got in touch with Christine Morrow, who is the state-wide coordinator for the program. Christine gave Pat the name of a Mr. Mark Wall, who is the coordinator of our region (there are 4 regions) and he is supposed to send Pat a newsletter. Initially, when Pat first started to get the elementary school, and the middle school signed up for this program, there were about 35 schools, state-wide, that were interested in signing up; now there are over 170 schools.

The schools decide what level they wish to participate, and they survey the children with various questions. This happens to coincide with our Coast to Coast the following weekend, and Pat hopes we can sign up lots of elementary and middle school students.

This year, \$3,000,000.00 has been ear-marked for Massachusetts to receive, however, with so many more schools interested, the piece of pie gets smaller.

Pat may present her presentation before the school committee if she senses a lack of enthusiasm from Assistant Superintendent Ms. Briere.

107: New Access Route at Bay Ridge

Alison will work on a letter to the neighbors.

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115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study

Judi, Alison and Anne met with Doug Prentiss, of FST, on Saturday, January 3, to scout out the different possibilities of routes at the northern part of the feasibility trail. We drove to the intersection of Route 28 and Pond Rd., Giddiah Hill, O'Connor Way, the intersection by the Information Booth and the Middle School parking lot.

The FST team suggested the committee meet with them prior to today's regular, monthly meeting for a working session. For three hours, we looked over maps and comparison charts of approximately 8 different routes in the southern area and approximately 8 different routes in the northern area. There was much discussion weighing all the options, and although there was no formal conclusion, the general consensus of the committee was in favor of Alternative 1B (Section 1) which included the eastern watershed perimeter. FST will be meeting with Mass Highway at the end of the week and will be able to give the committee a better idea of where things stand from that department (i.e., funding, etc.).

The committee has been asked to review FST's feasibility draft within the next 2 weeks and make our comments known to John Jannell so that he can get them back to FST by Feb. 17. Judi has asked to have the Bike and Walkways Committee's title be included on the front cover of the study.

Jim suggested the committee contact the Harwich, Brewster and Chatham Bikeways Committees to let them know about our hopes for a trail. The purpose of communicating this information to our neighboring towns is to give them a heads-up and to get them thinking about possible links between our towns.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce

Jim had talked with Ben, from Stop and Shop, prior to last month's meeting, and Ben had not heard from Stop and Shop (Headquarters) about the new access route. Ben would like to have another meeting such as the one we held last year at the police station for any business that employs international workers. Jim will be working on this over the next month and contacting the Chamber of Commerce along with Ms. Gail Meyers-Lavin (who arranges a lot of housing for the international workers), and hopefully, more businesses will attend than did last year. We will be targeting Shaw's, Friends, Wendy's, and The Seashore Park Inn, as well as Stop and Shop.

129: Quarterly Update of Current Bike Laws

Kevin had nothing new to report. John Fallender told the committee that the Bike Safety Bill was just passed, and signed by the Governor, and as soon as Mr. Fallender "cleans it up in an explainable fashion", he will send us a copy.

131: Coast to Coast

May 17 is the date for the Coast to Coast event, with May 31 set as the rain-date. Pat will put notices in the appropriate papers, ask Sarah, of Channels 17 and 18, to advertise it, and put up signage at the town's sites in So. Orleans and Skaket Corners.

In conjunction with Coast to Coast and Safe Routes To School, there is a possibility that Mass Bike could provide a free safety program; it would be ideal to do this before our Coast to Coast.

With regards to our one sign we have displayed in the past, advertising this event, the committee made a motion, which was seconded, to obtain a second sign so that we could have two signs in separate locations. The motion passed, 5-0-0 (Alison had left the meeting prior to this action item.) Pat will approach Marge, the selectmen's secretary, to see about funding.

133: Motorist Education

Kevin has no report.

134: Safety Video NRHS

Pat has no report.

135: New Access Route to Canal Rd. from Stop & Shop Parking Lot

Jim mentioned this report in item #119

136: Working with Mass Bike

Judy made contact with Ed Gross, a Mass Bike board member, to let him know she is the contact liaison for the time being.

John Fallender mentioned an idea, in the early stages, about having each town hold a "tour day"; i.e., Truro day, Wellfleet day, Eastham day, etc., to be held on different weekends, at a time of year to be determined.

Mr. Fallender also indicated a possible "overall" meeting with Mass Bike in April or May.

137: Roadway Master Plan

Anne notified the committee that Highway Dept. Manager, Mark Budnick, would be going before the Board of Selectmen Wednesday, Feb 4, to present his quarterly report and this would be a good opportunity for the committee to speak during the Board's Public Comment to remind the Board, and the public, to keep the committee in mind when budgeting and choosing road projects.

The sub-committee of Judi, Alison, Jim and Anne is still working on the list of priority roads. When the sub-committee has completed their draft, it will then be presented to the whole committee for their critique/approval, and then presented to John Kelley, Mark Budnick and the Board of Selectmen.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Next meeting is: Monday, March 2, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

Anne H. Carron, Secretary