



Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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May 4, 2009

The May 4, 2009 meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judi Weil at 4:06 PM.

Members:

Present: Judi Weil, Chairperson, Jim Demaree, Vice-Chairman, Anne Carron, Secretary, Patricia Bradley and Joe Haddad.

Regrets: Alison Flynn, Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison

Absent: Kevin Higgins

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Public Comment

None

Minutes

The minutes of April's meeting were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the amended minutes, 3-0-2.

Review and Update Action Items:

103: Accident Log

No report

106: Safe Routes to School Program

Pat reports that she has now been asked by the Assistant Superintendent to meet with the principals on June 4 at 1:30 to help promote the Safe Routes to School Program. Since all the material and information is on the Web site, this meeting is primarily to encourage participation.

107: New Access Route

No report

115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study

The committee received FST's preliminary draft and recommendations this past Friday, May 1.

Judi reports FST is all set for our Public Hearing tomorrow night at Snow Library at 6:30. Judi will make introductory comments and then turn it over to Doug Prentiss, who will present a power point including 43 slides. John Jannell will assist with the laptop, screens and poster boards. Members of the committee were out in force at various locations (transfer station and post offices, etc.) the weekend before to hand out flyers advertising the hearing.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce

Joe reported that he was in touch with the Chamber of Commerce and they hope to do something as the time gets closer.

Jim reported that nothing is happening with Stop and Shop in regards to a new access route to Canal Road.

Stop and Shop is in good shape for the international workers except for helmets. Jim distributed 7 helmets to Shaw's/Star Market. At the moment, Shaw's/Star cannot view the DVD because they don't have the equipment to watch it

Joe suggested the committee think about putting more signage along the bike trail recommending everyone wear helmets. (This would be done through, and by, the Highway Department.)

Jim would like to make a DVD with the new bike laws for next year. Training and enforcement probably won't take place until next year or two.

135: New Access Route – Canal Road from Stop and Shop Parking Lot

Included in 119.

129: Quarterly Update of Current Bike Laws

Included in 119.

131: Coast to Coast

Pat reminded the committee of the event on May 17. She hopes to have either Selectman Dunford or Selectman Jon Fuller agree to being our "caboose" at the event.

Anne will speak during this week's Public Comment at the Selectmen's meeting to extend an invitation to the Selectmen to join the event, and to also make the viewers in TV land aware of the event.

Jim recommended the committee give Orleans Cycle Shop a plug for his agreeing to fill bicycle tires with air.

Judi recommended someone help Pat for organizing next year's event; Joe and Anne volunteered.

133: Motorist Education

No report

134: Safety Video NRHS

Pat relates Channel 17 (Lower Cape TV) is offering a 6-week class/workshop, in the spring and fall, on making videos, and this may be something the committee could incorporate with regards to our Bike Safety Laws. Pat will investigate further.

136: Working with Mass Bike

Jim attended the well-represented May 1(all day) meeting at the Transportation Station in Hyannis. Of particular interest to Jim was a speaker, Mr. Craig Penna, who was a consultant to rail trails. It is Mr. Penna's theory that rail trails are becoming less "recreational" and more "transportational". Another topic focused on new signage on trails. Jim thought he heard there were 100 rail-trail projects in Massachusetts.

During a break in the day, Jim met and talked with a Mr. Bob Fitzpatrick, a Falmouth Bike Committee member. He told Jim there is a new 6-mile route, at the end of Shining Sea, opening sometime in July.

Judi attended a National Park Service workshop, and they are doing something similar to what we are doing, in that they are holding two Public Hearings on Tuesday, May 12 (one in the morning in Hyannis; the other in the evening in Wellfleet) to gather the public's opinion regarding bike trails. Basically, what they would like to do is put a (bike) trail along the entire length of the Cape. They are also interested in making Cape Cod a "biking destination" for vacationers.

Judi recommends adding the title, "National Park Service" to our #136 Mass Bike line item since they are so similar in their goals.

137: Roadway Master Plan

The sub-committee met on April 17 to finalize what was needed to complete our Priority Road List. It was felt that John Jannell would help us coordinate a map in order to provide us with a visualization when presenting our list to the Highway Dept., TA and the BOS. Alison volunteered to contact John for this final piece of the project.

Judi called John Jannell about the status of the Priority Road map, but Alison had not been in touch with John, so there still is no map.

Jim recommended we make a motion to accept the upgraded Priority Road List, as presented at our March 2 meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, 5-0-0.

Old Business

Jim wonders if the present Bike Safety Laws Brochure could be made up and sponsored by Raveis Realtors, providing permission is given from the copyright person. Comments were made about including the changed name of the committee, and there was discussion about where the brochures would be offered. Jim's contact is Laura Haddad at Raveis. A motion that Laura come back to the committee with a proof, and for approval, was made, and seconded, and passed, 4-0-1.

New Business

The committee voted 5-0-0 to formally be in the 4th of July parade this year. A stipulation was recommended that everyone wear helmets.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

Next meeting is: Monday, June 1, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.



Anne H. Carron, Secretary