



Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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Patricia Bradley, Kevin Higgins, Alison Flynn, Joseph Haddad, Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison

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April 5, 2010

The April 5, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judi Weil at 4:03 P.M.

Members:

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

Regrets: Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison.

Absent:

Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Monthly Minutes: The minutes of January 4, 2010 were reviewed, corrected and approved, 5-0-1. (Anne Carron abstaining and Alison Flynn not having arrived yet).

The minutes of February 1, 2010 were reviewed, corrected and approved, 5-0-1 (Joe Haddad abstaining and Alison Flynn not having arrived yet).

Review/Update Action Items:

106: Safe Routes to School:

Pat reports making progress! She had the Webinar at the OES with the school principal and school nurse, and they (OES) want to present this project to a joint teachers/parents meeting and invite other schools. A date of April 7 @ 7:00 P.M. has been set for Courtney Coutreau, State Dept. of Transportation Coordinator, to speak before the audience. Judi, Pat and Alison plan on attending the meeting.

103: Accident Log:

No Report

115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study:

Judi reported she met with John Jannell about where the committee stands. Judi and Alison think we have gone about as far as we can go on the Route 28 proposal. Pat, Jim and Anne don't agree.

Alison wants to pursue the Watershed and Judi wonders if the committee wants to look into the easement/power lines route. Jim expresses his doubts about many residents using the Watershed or the power lines.

Discussion moved towards "starting small and simple" through the Watershed – provided we receive the go-ahead from the Commissioners – signage, clearing some overgrowth along the trails, etc. and get a gauge on how many people would actually use/walk the trail.

Judi asked the committee to review FST's report so that we may discuss this topic further at the next meeting .
Anne will ask John Jannell about applying to get on the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan).

138: Coast to Coast Sidewalk:

Alison reported meeting with John Jannell, who is acting as an advisor only, and petitioner Rick Sigel. Of interest with this proposal is that of the 4-mile route, only Beach Rd., which is a mile long, is the only section that has no infrastructure and is not a "laid out" road.

Rick has drawn up an article, to be put the the May Town Warrant, asking the town to "lay-out" Beach Rd. The amount of the article is for \$71,000.00. John Kelly had proposed at an earlier selectmen's meeting to add a "Friendly Amendment" to the article asking instead for a \$6,000.00 amount to do a "preliminary study". Alison is not sure what dollar amount the petitioners will ultimately ask the voters at town meeting.

A motion was made, and seconded, to support the Citizen's article and/or amendment, 7-0-0.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce:

Jim reports the training is going to happen next month. There was another J-1 meeting with Gail Meyers-Lavin, and Gail's committee has a sub-committee that is working on the bicycle issue. They are talking about the possibility of "renting" the bikes to the workers for a small fee (\$20-\$30) and returning the money to the worker at the end of the season if the worker returns the equipment (Gail would like to put together a "package" for the workers). Pat recalls talk about a \$100.00 "deposit" for all the equipment. Gail has also requested some brochures from us.

Kevin reports the State is coming through with helmets; he has requested 65 adult and 10 children.

Jim will distribute our brochure to the various rental businesses and says we probably should begin thinking about updating the safety video and brochures for 2011.

129: Quarterly Update of Current Bike Laws/

133: Motorist Education:

No Report.

131: Coast to Coast:

Pat has flyers and posters advertising the upcoming event; Thompson's did the printing. There will be announcements in the papers and on-line.

Kevin's son is working on stickers to give to the kid's at the end of the ride.

134: Safety Video:

No Report.

136: Working with Mass Bike/National Park Service:

Anne and Pat attended a meeting at the National Seashore Park Headquarters Building, put on by the Cape Cod Commission, updating, and encouraging in-put from, the public in regards to any type of transportation project. Basically, about every 10 years, the Regional Transportation Project (RTP) encourages every town on the Cape to express their "wish list" so they can get a feel for what the residents want.

Anne and Pat mentioned the committee's desire for some kind of multi-use trail from South Orleans to the center of town, and our feasibility study. We let them know our next step was to apply to be put on the TIP list.

137: Roadway Master Plan:

Judi has received the map John Jannell tweaked. This is to accompany our spreadsheet. Judi is working on her final draft report that she will present before the Town Administrator/BoS/Highway Manager in late April.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to go ahead with the presentation, 6-0-0.

New Business:

Judi spoke with Chief Roy about the possibility of the Chief talking with the Eastham Police Chief in regards to lowering the 40 mph speed limit sign in the Eastham Rotary as vehicles enter Orleans. Judi will keep us posted.

Old Business:

The Cape Cod Trail Count is on again. The dates are, Sat. May 1 and Tues. May 4. Judi and Anne can do May 1 and Jim, Pat and Joe can do May 4.

Judi reminded everyone to fill out the Ethics Survey.

Judi reminded Anne and Joe their terms expire this year and asked them to let her know their decisions on whether they wish to remain. Judi asked the committee to give some thought of a new chairperson as she did not wish to be chair.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:24 P.M.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

Anne H. Carron, Secretary