



Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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May 3, 2010

The May 3, 2010 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jim Demaree at 4:18 P.M.

Members:

Present: Jim Demaree, Vice-Chairman, Anne Carron, Secretary, Joe Haddad, Pat Bradley

Regrets: Judi Weil, Chairperson, Kevin Higgins

Absent: Alison Flynn

Guests: Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison

Public Comment:

None

Review/Approve Monthly Minutes:

Minutes of April 5th meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved, as amended, 4-0-0.

Review/Update Action Items:

103: Accident Log:

No Report

106: Safe Routes to School Program:

Pat has reported that OES has signed up for SRTS. The school will begin on this coming Wednesday, May 5, which is National Walk/Bike to School Day, and their first project will be to “walk” to the Sagamore Bridge. The school has set up an area during recess for the children to walk measured laps, and the plan is to encourage the children to compete to see who can “walk” to the bridge first. The goal is to get the children to walk to school.

115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study:

Jim reported that Judi talked with John Jannell, and Jim is not sure where it stands but he thinks it was so we continue to be on the State’s agenda with Route 28.

Anne reported she was with Judi at the meeting with John Jannell on April 8. At the meeting, we asked John if our committee could take the next step necessary to keep our proposal on the radar screen. John told us he could submit our project to the Cape Cod Commission to be placed on their “Projects to Consider” list for the Regional Transportation Plan, 2011.

John said based on projects submitted, the Cape Cod Commission develops a “ranking and funding recommendation”. This probably takes place in the late summer (August). John will follow up at that time to see where our project ranks/scores.

If funding were to become available through the T.I.P, projects on this list may become eligible. This is the only way to place the project on the regional “radar screen” without doing any design work.

This process is a long one, and John recommends following up once the Regional Transportation Plan is finalized to discover where our Orleans project is ranked.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce:

Jim will be getting together with Stop & Shop and Shaw’s this Thursday, and joining him will be Mr. Charles Ashby who works with the J-1 group and is in charge of the bicycles for that organization. Jim will be providing the stores with the DVD (which he will give to Mr. Ashby), brochures and, if Kevin is successful, helmets. We are hopeful to have about 60 helmets.

It is Jim’s understanding that the J-1 organization will be charging the workers a \$15.00 deposit for the bicycles and he would like to see the stores help out by chipping in an amount to cover the costs of helmets.

Jim is hopeful about obtaining a list of where all the J-1 people work.

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

Jim feels we may as well drop this Action Item because it is probably not going to go anywhere.

Pat wonders if the Traffic Study Committee could look into this issue (the committee consists of the police chief, fire chief and highway manager). Jon Fuller suggested the committee recommend it to the Traffic Study Committee and perhaps it could be brought up before the BoS. Jim will talk to Kevin to see if he has any input.

Pat made a **Motion to ask Judi to send a letter from the committee to the Traffic Study Committee formally requesting Kevin be made our liaison, and to also look into the dangerous situation down at Stop & Shop and the feasibility of an access road to make the area safer. Jim seconded the motion; the motion approved, 4-0-0.**

129: Quarterly Update of Current Bike Laws:

No Report

133: Motorist Education:

No Report

131: Coast to Coast:

Pat reports we are in good shape for the upcoming event. Jim and Joe will lead the bicyclists. Anne will ask her husband to be the caboose. Restrooms will be open at Nauset Beach.

Pat will be getting 25 tee-shirts and 25 ankle bracelets from Mass Bike to pass out to the children at the end of the ride.

134: Safety Video NRHS/Cable Channels:

Pat reports nothing is going on yet. She is going to see if Cape Cod Tech will do something.

Jim said next summer, we may want to up-date our video and we should consider the Tech school.

136: Working with Mass Bike/National Park Service:

No Report

137: Roadway Master Plan:

Judi went before the BoS April 14 and presented the committee's project. Jim and Anne were in attendance as was the Highway Manager. We remain hopeful the Highway Department will remember the needs of the committee.

138: Coast to Coast Sidewalk:

Jon Fuller says there is a "friendly ammendment" to the article on the warrant for Town Meeting for \$6,000 asking for research on what would be required to lay-out the road (Beach Rd.)

Old Business:

The Cape Cod Rail Trail count will wrap up tomorrow. Anne, Judi, Bill Weil and John Fallender did the count on Saturday, May 1, and Joe, Jim and Pat will do the count on Tuesday, May 3.

New Business:

Joe mentions the problem of bicyclists failing to notify other bikers of "passing on the left" when on the bike trail. He states it seems to be mainly the professional bikers who zip by very fast without any word of warning. Pat recommended asking John Fallender to mention this to Mass Bikers and maybe they could help address the problem.

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:13 P.M.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

Anne H. Carron, Secretary

