

Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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The June 7, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judi Weil at 4:02 P.M.

Members:

Present: Judi Weil, Chairperson, Jim Demaree, Vice-Chairman, Anne Carron, Secretary, Patricia Bradley, Joe (4:04) and Kevin Higgins (4:09).

Regrets:

Absent: Alison Flynn

Guests: Jon Fuller, Selectman Liaison, Wayne Richardson, Interested Resident and Potential Committee Member.

Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Monthly Minutes: The minutes of May 3, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with no corrections, 3-0-1.

Review/Update Action Items:

103: Accident Log:

Will defer this report until Kevin arrives. (When Kevin arrived, he had nothing to report.)

106: Safe Routes to School Program:

Pat reports the children at OES had their "walk" to the Sagamore Bridge. Enthusiasm for the program has been rewarding, and now the committee will step back. It was discussed that we can probably put this item on the agenda on a quarterly basis.

115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study:

Judi spoke with Ken McKusick (Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners) at the suggestion of Jon Fuller. Judi reports now Dr. McKusick's board is interested in talking about the possibility of a trail within the boundries of the watershed. It is not clear if this trail would be alongside Rt. 28, through the power lines, or where, but Judi will follow up with this conversation and see where it leads. Anne reminded the committee that John Jannell may be hearing about the TIPs in August.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce:

Jim, Joe and Charlie Ashby (from Gail Meyers-Lavin's J-1 Committee) went to Stop&Shop and Shaw's right after last month's meeting because the J-1 workers were arriving about 1-2 weeks later. Jim did not get a positive response from Shaw's, but did get a very positive response from Stop&Shop. (By the way, both companies now have a DVD, so they are all set.) Stop&Shop may be able to rustle up some money to buy helmets, etc., but it is unlikely that Shaw's will do anything. Jim has recommended about 10-15 helmets to Shaw's and 25-30 helmets to Stop&Shop. (As of now, Kevin says the helmets have not arrived yet.)

Jim indicates Charlie Ashby, from the J-1 Committee, will be taking over this part from our committee. Jim thinks we are in great shape with regards to the Bikeways Brochures.

Pat reminded the committee to get on Cape Tech's list for printing up new brochures. She suggests checking with them before Christmas. An approximate number of brochures printed would be 2,000. (Judi discovered the old bill from Cape Tech, for \$420.00, and said they printed up 5,000 brochures!)

129: Quarterly Update of Current Bike Laws/

133: Motorist Education:

Kevin reports the new Mass Bike Laws are on hold until at least 2011. Kevin met with the Traffic Study Committee and he was introduced to 2 employees from The Commonwealth who are involved with the TIP's program. At the meeting, there was discussion about a few areas in town: Main Street/Great Oak Rd. (crosswalk); Baker's Pond Rd. (speeding issues) and Briar Springs Rd.(signage and speeding issues). Kevin brought up our committee's efforts to put in some kind of multi-use trail from So. Orleans to Orleans, and the fact that we had applied to be considered for the TIP program, and he said these 2 people didn't know anything about our proposal, so he just dropped the issue.

Pat wanted to know how often the Traffic Study Committee met and Kevin indicated, "when requested". It seems the committee comprises of the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Highway Dept. Manager.

At this most recent Traffic Study Committee meeting, Mr. Budnick indicated he may be able to do something similar to what he did on West Road to Monument Road when that road comes up for paving (possibly in the fall). A motion was made, by Pat, for the committee to request Mark Budnick and the BoS, through Mr. Kelly, to formally address a sidewalk or pathway to be used by both pedestrians and bicyclists on Monument Road. The motion was seconded and passed, 6-0-0. Judi will draft a letter and e-mail it to the committee for additional input.

131: Coast to Coast:

The event created a great turn-out and the weather was perfect. We probably had more adults than children this year, with a head-count of 66. Some tee-shirts and arm-bands were given out to the participants at the end of the ride. The only hitch was that it was in the newspaper listing it on the incorrect day — and the radio picked up on the newspaper and reported it incorrectly — but it worked out!

We will put this item to rest until after Jan., 2011, but Pat reminds us we can put it on our calendars (2011) for the Sunday after Mother's Day, or the 3rd Sunday in May since this is when the event will be held.

134: Safety Video NRHS/Cable Channels:

The committee may check with Nauset Regional High in the fall, to see, again, if they are interested in doing a video.

136: Working with Mass Bike/National Park Service:

No report

137: Roadway Master Plan:

Pat recommends we look at our Master Plan every month to review it and discuss any new thoughts/ideas that may come up.

138: Coast to Coast Sidewalk:

Judi would like to change the name of this item to either Nauset Beach Sidewalk or Beach to Beach; it was agreed to change the item to Beach to Beach.

Judi met with John Jannell last week and John mentioned the money (\$6,000.00) will come July 1st. The committee must take over this project from Rick Siegel's citizen's group. Mr. Jannell thinks Mr. Siegel's group went to Ryder and Wilcox for the preliminary engineering, so our committee will have to go to Ryder and Wilcox for the information; notify all the abutters; do a mailing and hold a public hearing with the abutters. Mr. Fuller told the committee we were getting ahead of ourselves since it is his understanding that the \$6,000.00 is for someone to go to the site and see what would be necessary to make the project work and what is involved as far as the abutters contesting or not contesting the project.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Since July 4th is a Sunday this year, Monday the 5th is given as a holiday, so the committee would either have to meet the following Monday or skip July's meeting and meet in August. It was decided to meet in August.

There may be 2 new candidates applying to be on the committee.

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 5:10 P.M. and seconded, passing, 6-0-0.

Next Meeting: August 2, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.