

Wareham Bike Path Committee Meeting  
January 15, 2014  
At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Room # 208

In attendance: Michael Langford, Eileen Allgor, Dale Scott, Jeff Hathaway, David Smith, Bill Whelan (Wareham Week)

Michael Langford called the meeting to order at 6:02.

December meeting minutes were approved.

**Survey** – The online survey continues at 95% favorable.

**Friends group** –The annual meeting of the Friends group was held recently and existing officers were voted in again – Al Barthe-chairman, Bill Jennings– vice chair, Pam Smith – secretary and Joyce Haskell– treasurer. The route of the pathway through Onset village continues to be discussed; the position of the bike path committee is to utilize West Boulevard rather than through the center of the village. Safety is the main consideration for this opinion. It is anticipated that the resolution will be complete in the spring so the striping can be done. The Friends group will be soliciting volunteers for various events in the town this year.

**Publicity-** The bond bill at the state house continues to be the main focus – as stated in previous minutes, if approved the next step is to determine how to assign the monies and spend it accordingly. Wareham is a main component of this as it is the link to the canal as well as other towns in the South Coast Bikeway.

**Southcoast Bikeway** – Michael is participating in a sub-committee to address the bond bill (funding for pathways in Massachusetts). This group is targeting bike shops in the South Coast area as resources to forward information pertaining to the bond bill.

Eileen stated that the summit is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at Fort Tabor in New Bedford from 6:00 to 8:00, there will be a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00. More to come as the speakers are finalized and the flyer is completed.

**Web sites** – Send any pictures and information to Arch as the Friends group maintains the site.

**Project Needs Form** --Jackie Schmidt (SRPEDD) is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Derek Sullivan (town administrator) to discuss comments from MassDOT regarding a separation between the pathway and the road. The town administrator must sign the PNF then forward to MassDOT District 5 to get on the TIP list for funding.

**BOS** – the Board of Selectmen requested the bike path committee to attend their meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>.


**Committee Applications** – Jeff Hathaway was sworn in January 9, 2014 – welcome Jeff!

**Input from other towns/committees** – the Marion bike path committee would like to meet with Wareham. Eileen will contact Jeff Oakes from Marion.

Other – Jeff Hathaway shared some information regarding pathways in Europe – London proposes a pathway be constructed above the highway. Amsterdam – more bicycles than automobiles – cycling as a means of transportation is very common.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen C. Allgor".

Eileen C. Allgor, Recording Secretary