

Wareham Bike Path Committee Meeting
March 19, 2014
At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Room # 225

In attendance: Michael Langford, Eileen Allgor, Dale Scott, Jeff Hathaway, David Smith, Damon Howard, Jackie Schmidt (SRPEDD)

Michael Langford called the meeting to order at 6:07.

January meeting minutes were approved – no February minutes as the meeting was not posted in a timely manner.

Survey – The online survey continues at 95% favorable. Jeff Hathaway mentioned that the online survey is not working properly.

Friends group – The route of the pathway through Onset village continues to be discussed; the position of the bike path committee is not to have the bike lane striped in the center of Onset – West Blvd is the most desirable option. Safety is the main consideration for this opinion. A motion was made to send our recommendation to the BOS stating the safety and economic benefits of utilizing West Blvd. The Friends group will be soliciting volunteers for various events in the town this year.

SRPEDD – Jackie Schmidt informed the committee that SRPEDD is starting a work program to propose a regional plan – this is a yearlong process and SRPEDD will be in touch with town officials and the committee as this work program progresses. Jackie then spoke about the bike rack program – reimbursable from SRPEDD – she gave the forms to Alan Slavin as they must be processed by a town official. Wareham has \$3538.68 available for bike racks; these must be installed on public property. This allocation expires July 1st. Michael Langford will contact Alan Slavin.

Southcoast Bikeway – Eileen stated that the summit is scheduled for March 27th at Fort Tabor in New Bedford from 6:00 to 8:00, there will be a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00. The speakers for the annual bike summit include the Mayor of New Bedford, Mayor of Fall River, Willie Weir, and the East Coast Greenway representatives. Cards for this event were distributed to the committee members. Registration is available at southcoastbikeway.com.

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

Project Needs Form – Jackie Schmidt (SRPEDD) gave an update to the committee – MassDOT will come onsite in April with their complete streets engineer to view Minot Ave and Sandwich Rd as the connection to the striping already completed on Onset Ave. Jackie will contact MassDOT to arrange this field visit.

BOS – Michael Langford will schedule a meeting with the BOS to discuss the route in Onset.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen C. Allgor, Recording Secretary