

Wareham Bike Path Committee Meeting
May 21, 2014
At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Room # 208

In attendance: Michael Langford, Eileen Allgor, Dale Scott, Jeff Hathaway, David Smith

Michael Langford called the meeting to order at 6:03.

March minutes were approved as amended with Arch's last name added (Arch Williams from the Friends group). April meeting minutes were approved.

Survey – No update, has been trending at 95% favorable for years.

Friends group – Dave Smith mentioned that the Friends of Wareham Community Pathway are struggling now as most members are burnt out. As a corporation, they are required to meet once a year and they are discussing whether or not to continue with their monthly meetings.

Community Events – Escape the Cape Triathlon in Onset Memorial Day weekend needs volunteers.

South Coast Bikeway Alliance – Eileen Allgor gave an update on SCBA. Michael Langford will be the alternate for Wareham – Damon was the alternate previously but was not able to attend any meetings. The South Coast Bikeway Alliance is working on obtaining non-profit status and has developed by-laws and conducted their first annual meeting. They are working on goals for the next year. There is a possibility that Buzzards Bay Coalition may partner with SCBA for bike rides, etc. Westport is creating a bike path committee and needs support from the towns on the south coast.

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

Project Needs Form – Jackie Schmidt (SRPEDD) scheduled a site visit with MassDOT, town officials and bike path committee members to discuss the Minot Avenue PNF. The group met in the town hall then went on-site to view Minot Ave and Sandwich Rd options. The conclusion was to proceed with the Minot Ave/Narrows Rd alternative. Jackie (SRPEDD) will work with the committee to file the PNF with MassDOT District 5 and proceed with the next steps in the process. The site visit was worthwhile for all attendees.

BOS – Michael Langford will attend the BOS meeting on June 10th to discuss the feasibility of combining the bike path committee with another town committee.

New Business

Committee Members – the bike path committee is losing 2 members as they are moving – Dave Smith and Jeff Hathaway.

Bike Racks -SRPEDD Wareham has \$3538.68 available for bike racks; these must be installed on public property. This allocation expires July 1st. Michael Langford sent recommended locations for the bike racks to Sue Green (works for the Town Administrator). Once the racks are installed SRPEDD will reimburse the town.

Easement / ROW – The committee discussed easements and Rights Of Ways used in other towns when constructing a pathway.

Pathway route in Onset – the route for the pathway in Onset is not resolved. Dave Smith followed up on a suggestion to go by the cranberry bogs and golf course – one abutter is not in favor of this approach. The route needs to be finalized so the striping can be completed with the support of the Friends group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen C. Allgor, Recording Secretary