

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
 Minutes: February 20, 2013, Bath City Hall Basement

Present: Robert McChesney, Peter Owen, Kevin Shute, John Swenson, Sharon Wilbrahman, Jim Gillies, Andrew Deci, Tink Mitchell, Steve Balboni, Rebecca Farnham, Perian Moore, Nancy Perkins

Also attending the joint meeting: Carrie Kinne, Bill Milam, Mick Rogers.

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
January Minutes	Approved	
Bicycle Friendly Community Application	Andrew, Robert and Kevin met previously and flushed out the application which will be submitted by the end of the week.	Andrew
Sidewalks: Improvement Priority List	<p>The document has largely been completed although it needs a map which will be done by the next meeting. Currently there is no complete map of Bath sidewalks in existence. Perhaps it is time to hire that job out.</p> <p>The map of sidewalks indicating priority level of snow removal will require additional notes (ie. Which side of the street the sidewalk will be plowed on.) It is difficult to be accurate without showing details at the block level.</p> <p>School bus stops are important but there is a communication gap between the schools, bus service and Public Works. The Bus service determines the stops, which change every semester. There is concern that some bus stops are located in low priority snow removal areas, which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Possible option Adopt a Bus Stop initiative.</p> <p>We should invite the School and Bus service folks to a meeting to see if we can establish communication and a plan.</p>	<p>Andrew</p> <p>Robert</p>

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Sidewalks Cont.	Regarding general sidewalk improvements. Funding is limited. Applications have been submitted for projects: Vine St to Water St.; Oak to Judkins; North Street 5 corners to Washington St. as part of the multi-use path. These are projects looking ahead in the 2 year range.	
Bike Ped Committee Work Plan	This committee has a mandate for a work plan. Possible items for 2013: Cooperation with Brunswick BPAC Expanded work with Bath Police Dept/Sheriff/Brunswick Police on 3-foot law Complete Streets campaign Rework and refine Snow Removal Policy Sidewalk Capital program and "Local Cost Share" with Maine DOT Underserved Community (with VIPs/Police Dept/Bicycle Coalition of Maine)	
Joint Meeting with Bath Trails. Special guests: Jennifer Gunderman-King; Colleen Fuller and Melissa Fochesato from Access Health.	Jennifer Gunderman-King is the Midcoast coordinator for the Community Transformation Grant program. She spoke on the benefits of being designated an Active Community Environment Team (ACET), charged with increasing levels of physical activity and improving public health by promoting walking, bicycling and accessible recreation facilities. She came to Bath recognizing our community as having exceptional elements in place to make the most of this initiative. By having an ACE Team designation, we will be able to access some resources and some funds to work toward making Bath ever more active and healthy. In time, it is expected that the designation will allow us to apply for federal monies/grants, currently under the guise of the Affordable HealthCare Act.  While our committees (Bath Bike & Ped, and Bath Trails) already aspire to ACE Team goals, it seems generally agreed that this designation will only help us further our goals. Jennifer will work with both entities to become official.	Robert McChesney John Swenson

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20 3:00 PM