

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Minutes: March 20, 2013

Present: Robert McChesney, Sharon Wilbraham, Kevin Shute, Tink Mitchell, John Swenson, Andrew Deci, Rebecca Farnham, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Previous Minutes	Accepted.	
Chair Report	<p>We are now an official ACE team, Active Community Environment Team. (See February minutes.) This will offer us opportunities for small grants now, with the idea that bigger opportunities will follow.</p> <p>Robert is now participating in the MDOT Bicycle Council that meets monthly in Augusta. He will hear about funding opportunities and legislative initiatives. Friday LD403 will be debated, and voted on which would support the Complete Streets task force.</p> <p>A Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 1.</p> <p>Andrew submitted a request for funds for Capital Improvement. This would allow for matching funds for future grants/projects.</p>	

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<p>Ex officio reports (Andrew)</p>	<p>Officials from Bath, Brunswick and West Bath meet once a month, keeping momentum for the A2K (Androscoggan to Kennebec) trail moving forward. Word should come in the coming month regarding the Transportation Enhancement grants. Project requests include: improvements for pedestrians at the 5 corners, Vine Street, and funds for an engineering plan/review for the A2K trail.</p> <p>Andrew offered to arrange a guest speaker for the May or June meetings who could fill us in on the Complete Streets program.</p> <p>The sidewalk map, in part for inclusion in the Snow Removal Policy document, will be ready for the next meeting. Andrew has arranged for help in creating the map. This map/database would also include information about sidewalk rehab.</p> <p>The Code for America initiative, the development of an App for snow removal around fire hydrants and sidewalk clearing appears to have stalled. We should follow up.</p>	<p>Andrew</p> <p>Andrew</p>
<p>Work Plan 2013</p>	<p>The remainder of the meeting focused on discussion of the 2013 committee Work Plan.</p> <p>National Bike Month: Perhaps use our ACET status to access grant money for a banner to hang across Front St.</p> <p>Bike-to-Work Week: think about hosting an event? Collaborate with Main Street Bath which has a recent initiative on work place health?</p> <p>Keep on Biking Class</p> <p>Get Back on Your Bike Class</p> <p>Bike Rodeo and Bike Safety Day June 1: There are extra bike helmets which could be distributed.</p> <p>Also considered different sites to hold the rodeo, perhaps going directly to underserved neighborhoods. (Lambert Park, Elmhurst, Dike Newell.)</p> <p>Funding for giveaways (safety reflectors/lights or a street banner) could come from the Elks, American Legion, Rotary or Insurance companies</p>	<p>Robert</p> <p>Robert, Sharon</p> <p>Jim, Rebecca</p> <p>Robert</p> <p>Robert</p>

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Work Plan Cont.	<p>Bike Racks: One rack remains. When the weather allows it will be installed at Brackett's Market. We could use more racks: Front St & Water; Waterfront Park; South End Boat Launch; Dog Park. KELT did have 3 more racks. Perhaps they are in the storage shed.</p> <p>Walking School Bus Next one March 27th. Departs the YMCA 8:45 AM. Will hope to have a Biking School Bus later in the spring.</p> <p>Bike Ped committee/BIW Walking Loop: follow through with signage and map making. Get the route on to the Main Street Bath map for the next printing.</p> <p>Walk Friendly Community Status: No community in Maine has that designation. Maybe we could work toward this for next May.</p> <p>Sidewalk snowplowing policy: A sidewalk map should be complete by the April meeting.</p> <p>Sidewalk Rehab List & Map</p> <p>Citizen Involvement Day: Have something interactive (Bike Blender?) and give aways.</p> <p>Complete Streets Campaign</p> <p>Collaborate with the Brunswick Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee: A2K Trail (Androscoggin to Kennebec River)</p> <p>Expanded work with Police Dept/Sheriff on 3-foot law</p> <p>Focus on underserved community (VIPS/Police Dept/Bicycle Coalition Maine)</p>	Rebecca

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2013-03-20