

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: October 16, 2013

Present: Robert Mc Chesney, Steve Balboni, Peter Owen, Sharon Wilbraham, Perian Moore, Kevin Shute, John Swenson, Guest Rich Cromwell

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
September 18, 2013 minutes	Minutes of previous meeting were approved.	Minutes Accepted
Chairperson's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Member, Travis Wolfel, attended his first meeting 2. Robert said he received confirmation from bike rack distributor. Locations should include Brackett's market, Customs House, South End Dog Park(?), south end boat ramp(?). 3. RALA Survey – Robert, Andrew and Colleen met to discuss the results of the recent walkability assessment. Robert handed out a proposed RALA for Bikeability assessment From Bike Coalition and asked for volunteers to assist willing to participate in the inventory. 4. The City has a new website and Steve assured the committee that all minutes, agendas, etc. will be uploaded to the new website 5. Reminder of the bond on the route 209 work and the importance of passage for bike and pedestrian use. Noted that there had been an absence of publicity promoting a yes vote. Robert has spoken to several counselors and they indicated that the City Manager was going to see that information was available to the public. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Robert will order five new bike racks 3. Sharon and Kevin offered to help 5. Robert will find out if a news release is planned.

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<p>Presentation on 3 foot signs for cyclists</p>	<p>Rich Cromwell, Brunswick Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and Merrymeeting Wheelers Bicycle Club, gave a presentation on the implementation of the signs promoting the new law requiring cars to give cyclists 3 foot clearance when passing.</p> <p>Last year in Brunswick there were 4 bike/car incidents. In all cases the vehicle operator was at fault. This lead to the installation of signage throughout Brunswick. In addition there was conversation with the Police Dept. for increased enforcement of the law, and PSA's were run on the local cable access channel.</p> <p>Merrymeeting Wheelers wishes to place signs in Topsham, Durham, Freeport, West Bath, Bath, etc. The club will provide our committee with \$500.00 to purchase signs which cost between \$65 and \$80. The funds could also be used for posts if necessary.</p> <p>We will also include the Brunswick Bike/Ped when distributing minutes of our monthly meetings.</p>	<p>Bath Bike/ped responsible for posting of signs and running PSA's on local access channel.</p> <p>Kevin will see that minutes get to Rich and his committee.</p>

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Community Bike Center	<p>At last months meeting there was a discussion about how best to connect with local students about bike safety, etc. Kevin distributed a hand out from the Community Bicycle Center in Biddeford. The center began as a program for at risk youngsters, using bicycles at the method of connecting with the kids. Kevin proposed that we consider something along these lines for Bath. Especially focusing on the subsidized housing developments in Bath. There was also discussion of where to house such a program and the skatepark was mentioned.</p> <p>Kevin will contact Andy Greif in Biddeford to get some additional info on how their program came to be. He will also contact Lawrence Kovacs who anmd spoken with Steve at one point about a program of some sort in Bath</p>	<p>Kevin will contact Andy Greif and Lawrence Kovacs</p>
Ex officio reports	<p>Andrew reported that road striping will be put out to bid. He also reported that the city received \$65000 from BIW for improvements to the South End park. Improvements may include expanded parking, paving of walkways and fencing for designated dog area.</p>	
ANCHOR Fair	<p>Perian reported that nearly 100 folks participated in the event. Good turnout for a first time event. The committee has planned a wrap up meeting to evaluate the event.</p>	
Community Involvement Day	<p>Excellent turnout. Tried to promote the importance of the of Rt209 bond.</p>	

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Next Meeting	Wednesday, November 3pm @ Bath Parks and Recreation Building	