

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Minutes: Sept 20, 2012

Present: Robert McChesney, Steve Balboni, Kevin Shute, John Swenson, Andrew Deci, Peter Owen, Sharon Wilbraham, Meadow Merrill, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Bicycle Racks	Several racks have been installed. Peter will get the list of locations and determine places where others would be desirable. Brackett's Market would be good. We need to ask Steve Brackett again. KELT may still have \$400 in a bike rack fund.	Peter
Snow Removal Policy	Peter was working on that once upon a time. He will find that document, amend it, and send it around for the committee to review for the next meeting.	Peter
3 Foot Rule	Robert and Sharon are establishing a database relating to the 3 foot rule, documenting automobile/bike incidents. Collected information includes: Vehicle type, license number, location and time. Mike Field, Bath police officer, will contact violators, talking to them to explain the rule and to give them a warning. There have been 6 incidents so far. This will provide baseline data which will be helpful/necessary to secure potential funding for safety related grants. We can get Public Safety Announcements, one for bicyclist, and one for motorists, which we can run at the Eveningstar Cinema and also on BCTV.	

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Citizen Involvement Day	<p>October 6th 10 AM to 1 PM at waterfront park.</p> <p>We will have a table. We need to fill out a reservation by Sept 28th.</p> <p>Bicycle Coalition of Maine has materials available for the table.</p> <p>The Alliance for Walking may have materials as well.</p> <p>Maybe we can have something relating to the Winter Walking Loop.</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Robert Robert</p> <p>Rebeccah</p>
Winter Walking Loop	<p>Rebeccah will be speaking to The Walkamoles, a Bath walking group that walks 45 min/day. Andy thought it would be helpful to get information from them about any pedestrian issues.</p> <p>Rebeccah has been in touch with Anthony Anderson (BIW contact), though communication has been difficult to maintain, regarding the walking loops BIW employees take on lunch hour. In the past it seemed there might be mutual interest/goals in establishing one or more set walking routes, ones that could be included in Bath's regular snow removal plan.</p>	
Sharrows in Bath	<p>Some Sharrows are done but they are not complete.</p> <p>This fall and winter we should have some sort of public education program which explains sharrows, prior to their painting next spring.</p> <p>Portland has done something similar. We should contact them to find out how they approached educating the public.</p> <p>Options include: writing articles, BCTV, Educational materials, Bath Newsletter, Signage, Drivers Education programs.</p> <p>By November we should have an implantation plan in place.</p> <p>Might Dan Stuart at MDOT have a way for us to access Sharrow signs?</p>	<p>Andrew</p> <p>Andrew</p> <p>Robert</p>

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Safe Routes to School	<p>Kim Gates, a local citizen, has volunteered to do late start walks to school.</p> <p>A grant was secured by Sarah Bingham last year, so there should be \$250 available. Kevin will check with Sarah.</p> <p>Rebeccah has been filling in the void left by Sarah's position elimination. Robert will contact her about accessing those funds.</p> <p>October is International Walk to School Month. We should try for the last Wednesday of the month to do a late start walk.</p> <p>Fisher Mitchell has a path which connects to Middle Street. It is in disrepair but would be a good project to improve.</p> <p>The vegetation along High St prohibits easy passage. Need to prune.</p>	Robert
Sidewalk Improvement Priorities	<p>Committee members should review the sidewalks in their neighborhoods.</p> <p>The list of sidewalk improvement priorities needs to be revised and updated. We should have a small group to meet.</p>	Peter, Andrew, John

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 18th, 2012 3 PM