

## Bath Bike and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: October 18, 2012

Present: John Swenson, Kevin Shute, Robert McChesney, Sharon Wilbraham, Andrew Deci, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Previous Minutes	Approved	
Sidewalk Improvements	<p>Peter will produce a list of ALL street sidewalks in town, then assign those without a priority with the lowest rating, and then review/decide on priorities.</p> <p>Lee Leiner is now involved.</p> <p>May try to have a college summer intern work on a sidewalk revaluation.</p> <p>There may be a sidewalk fund.</p> <p>Do we know how much money is required for sidewalk maintenance?</p> <p>Is there a policy for sidewalk width? Would it make sense for there to be wider sidewalks on one side of the street, negating the other side? Check out the Walk Friendly Alliance website for width.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Andrew</p> <p>Andrew</p>
Snow Removal Policy	<p>We reviewed a draft for the Bath Sidewalk Priority Plowing Policy. Robert suggested we add some history of snow removal in Bath as well as a mention that municipal clearing of sidewalks is a privilege. The final copy should include a list of streets and a map. Robert will draft and send around by email.</p>	Robert

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Safe Routes to School	<p>Rebeccah, Kevin, Darcy Whitmore (Safe Routes Rep.), and a parent volunteer met with the Fisher Mitchell principal. They are planning for a Nov 28 walking school bus event, a late start Wednesday.</p> <p>Questions include: Who assumes liability? Are permission slips required? The plan is for students to walk from the YMCA to Fisher Mitchell. Initial goal is for 20-25 kids. May provide trinkets and stickers. Will work toward 3 walking schoolbus events in the spring.</p> <p>We need to get baseline data. How many students already walk to school? Bike?</p>	Kevin, Rebeccah
Bike Racks Update	<p>Several have been installed but there are still places needing racks. (*Bracketts Market). A few bicycle racks are missing (that were from the Bath Trails initiative). The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust has \$460 available for racks.</p>	
Bath Walking Route	<p>Rebeccah and Anthony Anderson (BIW) met and walked/measured the proposed route from the train station, down Commercial to North St (via Front), then left on Washington, down Summer, south on Front St, right onto Center, then left onto Water St, back under the viaduct back to the train station. The distance is just under 1.5 miles.</p> <p>They talked about putting up 4 or 5 signs at various distances and thought a map would be good. Anthony has proposed that BIW cover the cost for the signage as well as suggested their graphics dept could create a map.</p> <p>Next steps: having an appropriate sign template consistent with downtown signage; City Approval, Public Works installation, publicizing the route.</p>	
Snow Removal	Explore Adopt-a-Hydrant, Adopt-a-Sidewalk program in Bath?	

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Other Items	<p>Andrew mentioned a new organization Code For America (<a href="http://codeforamerica.org">http://codeforamerica.org</a>) which is a volunteer group of tech savvy types who are lending their skills and knowledge to “help governments work better for everyone with the people and the power of the web”. A local group is interested in working with Bath (and Biddeford) on transportation opportunities like a demo project using the web to track the timing/location of the city bus, for example.</p>	

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15 3 PM