

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: November 15, 2012

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

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Committee Notes	Minutes Accepted.  <b>Meeting time change in 2013 will be Wednesdays at 3 PM.</b>	
Snow Removal Policy	Policy draft reviewed and revised in anticipation of submission to the next Bath City Council meeting.	
Guest Speaker: Code For America	Anderw Jawitz, as a member of Code For America COA, spoke how an Adopt-a-Sidewalk and/or Adopt-a-Hydrant snow removal program could be adapted and implemented in Bath. Code For America is funded by informational technology, IT, companies such as Google, Apple, Facebook and others. The initiative facilitates IT inspired individuals to offer their knowledge and services to municipalities to create and innovate ways to address civic needs and issues. Translated: computer geeks adapt “Apps” for the good of the city. Boston established the first Adopt-a-Hydrant program, the first of 8 cities to do so. Boston’s program has a game element where snow “shovelers” earn points toward incentives. COA would provide a “fellow” to adapt the App, using an online map of Bath, with hydrants, as the base. Once the program is up and running, a “bridgade” or local COA members would support it (all volunteer). There would be the potential to use the social network to connect with other cities using the same App.	

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Code For America continued....	<p>Google wants to help citizens to engage in their communities. They provide resources to the volunteers.</p> <p>The committee decided they would like to see the program and get a better idea how it would work. Andrew Jawitz will be back to demonstrate.</p>	Andrew Deci will facilitate.
Sidewalks	<p>There is a Bath Sidewalk Fund which has been used for matching grants. It doesn't get a lot of money. Current funds will be directed toward the Commercial Street sidewalk project.</p> <p>Our job is to identify key sidewalks that need attention then let Bath City Council figure out how to secure funding.</p> <p>All sidewalks need to be rated, which will happen in the spring after the snow season has ended.</p>	
Safe Routes to School	<p>There will be a Walking School Bus on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, from the YMCA to Fisher Mitchell. RSU #1 will assume liability. The police will escort them. There will be a banner carried.</p> <p>Kids are being recruited.</p> <p>Permission slips went home recently.</p>	
Bike Racks	Although several are in place, Robert will purchase additional racks (with KELT funds). Public Works will install them.	Robert
	Racks at Brackett's Market have yet to be installed. We need to confirm with Steve Brackett.	Robert

Bicycle Friendly Community Designation	<p>There is a February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline for recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community in 2013. Andrew will be the Bicycle Program Manager.</p> <p>Robert and Andrew will review the questions and criteria on Wed. Nov. 26 at 10 AM.</p> <p>Meadow and Andrew will meet to draft a Complete Street Model and policy for Bath City Council to consider.</p>	<p>Andrew and Robert</p> <p>Meadow and Andrew</p>
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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 20th, 3 PM