

Bath Bike & Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: February 16, 2012

Present: Steve Balboni, Peter Owen, Robert McChesney, Kevin Shute, John Swenson, Sharon Wilbraham, Meadow Merrill, Phyllis Wolf, Sarah Bingham, Andy Deci, Rebecca Farnum, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes: January Meeting	Minutes accepted with two changes: 1. Snow Removal: Added "There was support for this proposal. Making just a few sidewalks an initial priority would make this a much more walker-friendly town." 2. Dan Stewart of Maine DOT will attend the March meeting (not February). Nancy will check with Mary White about forwarding accepted minutes to her.	Nancy
Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Day	Nathan Gould, Bath Police Dept. will take charge of the event. A planning committee will be meeting in early March. Event will take place on June 2 nd . Phyllis will be the point of contact for the Rodeo. Sarah and Rebecca will help as well. Steve will provide oversight.	Phyllis, Sarah, Rebecca, Steve

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Bike/Ped items in Capital Improvement Plan	<p>Jennifer at Wright Pierce will review the working bicycle plan pro bono.</p> <p>Budget: Striping would be \$1500</p> <p>Downtown: 9 places where ADA ramps are needed would cost \$12,000 with Public Works doing all the work. Peter will propose instead doing 3 per year over a 3 year period, so the budget item would be \$4000 each of those years.</p> <p>Handicap parking revisions have been proposed.</p> <p>Meadow, Peter, Andy, and Robert will meet Wednesday afternoon, Feb 22, with Bill Giroux to advocate for these items</p> <p>Robert will contact Bath area disabled citizens, who went with Scott Davis last fall while inventorying challenging obstacles downtown, to invite them to attend a City Council meeting where they could voice their concerns.</p>	<p>Meadow, Peter, Andy, Robert</p> <p>Robert</p>
Safe Routes to School	<p>Bath Middle School physical ed teacher, Tom Bennoch, is interested in a bicycle club. Students could map routes around town and highlight established trails, including the East Coast Greenway.</p> <p>Grants may be available, perhaps through Davenport or Common Good (Bowdoin College)</p> <p>The Rodeo could be part of it.</p> <p>There is a need for a lot education around bike safety.</p> <p>Jim Tasse, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, would come to BMS.</p> <p>The idea of incorporating a Bicycling unit into the curriculum was mentioned.</p> <p>There is interest but time is so limited already that it is unlikely.</p> <p>We should include a Bike Ed article in the next BMS paper.</p>	

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Safe Routes Continued	<p>If a biking component cannot happen within the context of the middle school, it could be run through the Bath Rec.</p> <p>A bike fleet would be great. If one could be assembled and perhaps a bike shop established in the armory, BMS students could attend an organized program or event during free periods in school. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine could provide instructors.</p> <p>Woolwich may do another walk/bike to school event this year.</p> <p>Andy will host a webinar on Tuesday, Feb 28 at 1 PM on Keeping SRTS programs going during the winter months. All are welcome.</p>	Andy
Walkable Bath	<p>John sent a NY Times article to the committee regarding Walkable Cities. What can we do to increase the walkability of Bath?</p> <p>1. Could the city bus link up with land preserves in Bath? There are issues with deviating from the fixed route. Can stray up to ½ mile. There are 2 buses and 2 drivers. Andy is drafting a survey with regard to usage/demands.</p> <p>2. What role can the Trolley play? It was full at the Whiskeag Trail opening in Sept 2009. The trolley can be run for special events.</p> <p>This committee could establish a primary walking route downtown with a priority for winter clearing. We may be able to tap into BIW as employees have walking routes which correlates with improved health and increased productivity.</p> <p>At the last City Council meeting there were complaints that students were walking in the streets due to impassable sidewalks. They were told that this Bike Ped committee was working on the problem.</p> <p>We need to identify specific priority routes for snow removal. Once identified Andy will create a document and bring it to the next meeting. Andy, John, Phyllis and Nancy will meet to this end.</p>	Andy, John, Phyllis, Nancy

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Get Back On Your Bike	There is a 6 week course being offered by the YMCA and Bath Recreation, Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM April 25 to May 30 th . The first 4 sessions meet indoors and the last two are outdoors. Hope to get at least 5 people and will plan to offer it again in the future.	
Bicycle Racks	<p>This committee has taken over responsibility (from Bath Trails) to complete the installation of bike racks in Bath. There are racks already installed at the Hampton Inn, Roger's Hardware, Betsy's Hair Salon and the Universe Gym. Approval has been given to install one at the Bath Post Office. Others to be installed at the Police Station, train station, Waterfront park, Brackett's Market (or beside Country Farm), and Maine Maritime Museum.</p> <p>Peter offered the Public Works Dept to do installations which require concrete pads. Steve will advise where.</p>	Steve, Peter and Public Works

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15th 3 PM

* Dan Stewart of Maine DOT will attend.