

## Bath Bike and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: May 17, 2012

Present: Rebecca Farnum, Robert McChesney, Sharon Wilbraham, Kevin Shute, Andy Deci, Peter Owen, John Swenson, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
April Minutes	Accepted	
Reorganization	Beginning year #2 for the committee. Robert: Chairman Nancy: Secretary	
Snow Removal Policy	<b>Bath City Council has 2 requests:</b> <b>1. Establish priority protocol for snowplowing sidewalks</b> <b>2. Create a priority list for sidewalk improvements</b> This meeting is to address the former. Next meeting the latter when Peter will bring a sidewalk improvement plan.  Public works has 2 sidewalk plows, (one new one old), and about 50 miles of sidewalks. Plowing depends upon several factors: size of storm, timing, type of snow, weather forecast, if there is school or not. There is a protocol already, one largely focused on students being able to safely walk to the school bus stop or directly to school.  Generally the <b>priority sidewalks</b> , at present, are those running: <b>North/South:</b> along High, Washington and Congress Streets <b>East/West:</b> every other side street, typically those are the through streets that intersect with the north/south cleared sidewalks.	Peter

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Snow Removal Continued	<p>There have been complaints along Middle St, near the Post Office.</p> <p>Peter showed a map of Bath sidewalks showing the priority routes as they stand. Bus stops and bus routes should be included.</p> <p>It takes about 6-8 hours to plow 40 miles of sidewalks. It would be helpful to know what the <b>actual costs</b> are for sidewalk snow removal. (labor, fuel, machinery).</p> <p>We should consider advocating for an “<b>Adopt A Sidewalk</b>” initiative, which other snowy communities have done. Residents volunteer to keep certain sections of sidewalks in their neighborhoods clear.</p> <p>We need a <b>narrative</b> explaining the policy. It would be helpful to include what other Maine communities policies are. Some communities require the residents to keep the sidewalks in front of their houses clear.</p> <p><b>Downtown</b> merchants are required to clear their sidewalks. Brunswick merchants pay an additional fee and hire a private contractor to keep their sidewalks clear.</p> <p><b>Winter Walking Route:</b> By adding a few segments of priority sidewalks centered around the downtown we could feature a Winter Walking Loop, an asset for a healthy Maine community as well as for the downtown merchants. BIW has a walking route. We should identify that route and contact the BIW wellness program. We will work toward putting together a proposal to make this route a reality.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Rebecca</p>

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Bike Safety and Rodeo	<p>All set for Saturday, June 2, 10 AM to 1 PM at the Donald Small parking lot. Volunteers would be helpful. Show up at 9:30 AM. Merrymeeting Wheelers will provide volunteers although there is a last minute element involved.</p> <p>Brunswick is holding one this Saturday 9-12 at Walmart parking lot. Can stop in to see theirs.</p> <p>Cones will be needed.</p>	<p>Rebeccah</p> <p>Peter</p>
Dealing with Hazardous Areas	<p>There are areas around town where painted lines would help with road safety where bicyclists and cars merge/share the roads, particularly where roads fork. We would do well to establish a list of areas that need attention. A traffic engineer could be hired to help think through best options.</p>	Robert Sharon
Community Involvement	<p>Consider a Bicycle Valet service/area for Bath Heritage Days 2013.</p> <p>Plan to have a table at the Bath Community Involvement day.</p>	
Bike Racks	<p>Public Works is focused on cleaning streets and painting stripes, now through to mid-June. Next up will be installing benches, tables and <b>BIKE RACKS</b>.</p>	Peter

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 3 PM