

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

May 19, 2011

Present: Peter Owen, Kevin Shute, John Swenson, Robert McChesney, Phyllis Wolfe, Steve Balboni, Jim Upham, Sharon Wilbraham, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
New Organizational Details	<p>We will meet the 3rd Thursday each month at 3 PM at the Bath Recreation Dept.</p> <p>Committee Chairperson: Robert McChesney Vice Chairperson: Sharon Wilbraham Secretary: Nancy Perkins</p> <p>Members representing key interests: Health: Phyllis Wolfe Bath Trails: John Swenson Pedestrians: Nancy Perkins Bicyclers: All</p> <p>Bath City Council representative will be Mari Eosco.</p>	
Bike Ped Plan	<p>Although it is now completed, it has yet to be adopted by the Bath City Council. The goal is to have it adopted as an appendix to the Bath Comprehensive Plan by late summer or early fall.</p>	

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Bicycle Coalition of Maine	Jim Tasse, Education Director, has asked how he can contribute to this committee's efforts, is looking for a role to help support us. He did contribute to the Bike Ped plan while Katrina Van Dusen was working on it so he is informed about our work. He could offer guidance as needed, has the potential to help facilitate seed money, could offer educational trainings, work with the city police dept,.... etc.	
School representation	<p>There is general agreement that this committee would be well served to have a member be a representative of the school system.</p> <p>Superintendent Shuttleworth would be good to connect with and would hopefully have some suggestions for interested personnel.</p>	Steve
Bicycle Racks	<p>We have racks waiting for installation. High priority locations need to be contacted:</p> <p>Bath Post Office Hampton Inn Roger's Hardware: need clarity on how to install Brackett's Market</p>	<p>Robert Steve</p> <p>Robert</p>
Bath Police Department	<p>It would be useful to the committee to have a contact or representative at the police department. We should contact the police chief.</p> <p>Is there a bicycling initiative in place? Might there be opportunities for volunteers on bikes to help in some capacity?</p>	Jim
Conference	June 21 there will be an "Active Communities Conference" at Bowdoin College, co-sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition and Safe Routes to School.	

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DOT Funding	<p>Jim received word that funding would not be provided for some of the project proposed but did get design money for sidewalks along Commercial Street, under the bridge up to Waterfront Park.</p> <p>July 2012 will be the next opportunity to apply for future projects.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Develop a set of priorities for this committee so that we will be focused and productive. Bring to the meeting our thoughts and ideas.</p> <p>Greenway Signage: share information to be sent</p> <p>Review plans for Commercial Street and Route 1</p> <p>Review upcoming street paving plans</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Kevin</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Peter</p>
Future Meeting	<p>Jim suggested he arrange for us to watch a webinar event (powerpoint and audio) which he participated in on communities planning for bicycles.</p>	<p>Jim</p>