

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
June 16, 2011

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

May 19, 2011 minutes approved.

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
1. Superintendent of Schools	<p>Robert met with William Shuttleworth last week about getting the school involved with our effort. He suggested two possible committee members: Lawrence Kovak and Mary McCaulley, both teachers and residents of Bath.</p> <p>Shuttleworth is very supportive.</p> <p>Current program in the schools: 5-2-1-0 is perhaps closest link.</p> <p>Suggested Walmart as a good source for community grants.</p> <p>He voiced a challenge in winter regarding Safe Routes to School which are that private contractors plowing tend to obstruct sidewalks.</p>	
2. Filling the last committee vacancy.	<p>John Mattieu will be unable to participate as a committee member. To fill that vacancy the position needs to be advertised. Interested parties will need to apply.</p>	Robert

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1. Police Chief Mike Field	<p>Robert met with him.</p> <p>Cyclist/Pedestrian issues: primarily theft. Since Jan 2010 there have been 27 bike thefts reported. Perhaps we could get a message about about securing bikes.</p> <p>One can register bikes with the police, though few do.</p> <p>He liked the idea of Bike Ed.</p>	
4. Bike Safety Day: Jim Gillies	<p>Jim Gillies, VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service), informed us about the recent Bike Safety Day which is held annually on the first Saturday in June. 350-400 kids participated. 175 helmets were given away. Most kids have helmets. There was a raffle for two bikes. Participants filled out a safety information bingo card, from which two winners were selected.</p> <p>Hosting a Bike Rodeo was proposed. Various entities have held them in the past, but not for a few years. We are moving ahead with planning one on June 2, 2012, adding to the Bike Safety event.</p> <p>The first Saturday in June is also National Trails Day.</p>	Phyllis

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5. Bike Racks	<p>One has been installed at the Hampton Inn, though it needs work. They are challenging to install, site particular. These locations are ready for theirs: Bath Post Office Roger's Hardware Bath Police Dept.</p> <p>Brackett's market needs to be contacted.</p> <p>Getting the word out, once more are in place, to the Times Record and the Coastal Journal, for publicity.</p> <p>We could paint brightly colored (junk) bikes and have them at the various (installed) racks around town so that people will see them, and that in fact, they are attached to bike racks.</p> <p>The City of Bath bike rack initiative seems to have stalled. We need to contact Carolyn Lockwood to see what the future holds.</p>	<p>Steve</p> <p>Robert</p> <p>Robert</p> <p>Jim</p>
6. East Coast Greenway Signs	<p>Kevin shared the details of signage available, though for a price. He determined we need 15 signs which he will now order.</p> <p>Peter said Public Works would install them, especially if posts are already at the sites. If we need new posts installed, that may cause some delay until confirmed by Dig Safe.</p> <p>The signs are \$8 each. Kevin may have a benefactor.</p>	<p>Kevin</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Kevin</p>

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7. Roadwork Update	<p>Public Works received approval for the Congress Ave Bike path and is going out to bid today for construction. Bids are due June 30th. Bath City Council will vote on July 6th, and the project should start around mid-July, done by the fall.</p> <p>The path will be from Shaws to the Puffin Stop. There will be a 3' esplanade, separating the road from the path, and a 9' wide pathway. There will be parking spaces incorporated.</p>	
8. Plans for Commercial St and US Route 1	Time was short so Jim will present at the July meeting.	Jim
9. Priorities for the Committee	<p>We should all review the approved city bike and pedestrian plan and come to the next meeting with an idea of short and long term priorities.</p> <p>Feb/March is a good time to plan for a workshop with the Bath City Council and to push for funding our priorities.</p> <p>Jim mentioned the PACTS Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update which he will copy and distribute at the next meeting.</p>	Jim
10. Other	<p>Phyllis mentioned the importance of getting ourselves publicized and suggested getting on the Main Street Bath Blog, contacting Jennifer Geiger.</p> <p>And connect with someone at the Coastal Journal.</p>	<p>Phyllis</p> <p>Phyllis</p>
	Next meeting: July 21	