

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: July 21, 2011

Present: Kevin Shute, Steve Balboni, Sharon Wilbraham, Jim Upham, Jim Gillies, Robert McChesney, John Swenson, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes from June.	Accepted with these amendments: 1. Robert, Steve and Jim met with William Shuttleworth last week about getting the school involved with our effort. 2. "Bike Safety Day" was originally incorrectly labeled.	
Bike Racks	Rack installed at Brackets Market was ripped out. Needs to be replaced, with concrete. Rack at Hampton Inn has been fixed. Rack at Roger's hardware is in place. Non-bike riders ask what it is. Trey Milam, supported by KELT, is to facilitate further rack installation.	
East Coast Greenway Signs	Kevin has ordered 15 (9 south bound, 6 north, and 15 directionals). Expect them to arrive soon. Kevin and Peter determined they can be mounted on existing posts. The cost was provided by 1 donation, donor to remain anonymous. Total \$128.40	

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Our tasks as a group	<p>We shall determine in coming meetings what our priorities will be this year and beyond, defining tasks/accomplishments which can be highlighted with Bath City Council.</p> <p>Discussion on idea of committee member assignments: Education, Police/thefts, Legislative liaison, Advocacy/publicity, Infrastructure</p>	
ADA compliance Sidewalk Audit	<p>This should be an initial focus of this group as it is a priority for future improvements in the comprehensive plan. Jim will resend document to us.</p> <p>We can identify issues by doing sidewalk audits, establish a priority list, then get it into the city's capitol improvement plan. Audit to start at downtown, school areas, branch to urban neighborhoods, elderly housing.</p> <p>Remember the winter. Create a snowplow priority list.</p>	<p>Jim Upham</p> <p>Scott Davis Peter Owen John Swenson Jim Upham Robert McChesney</p>
Bicycling Audit	<p>A separate group will conduct an audit for bicycle users, identifying issues and needs, creating a list.</p> <p>Both walking and bicycling audit info should be entered into a GIS database to help facilitate action.</p>	<p>Kevin Shute Robert McChesney Sharon Wilbraham</p> <p>Nancy Perkins</p>
Education	<p>We need to inventory organizations helping to educate kids.</p> <p>Jim Tasse, Education Director from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, offered to come speak with us any time.</p> <p>Could bike education happen in PE in schools? BCM offers training to PE teachers, who can become certified.</p>	<p>Robert McChesney</p>

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Bike Map	<p>A map with desirable bicycling routes in Bath should be a priority.</p> <p>Alicia Heyburn (KELT) and the City of Bath intern are working to create a map which incorporates bike routes. It should include East Coast Greenway route as well.</p> <p>Jim mentioned a Cumberland County map that could be of use as a template.</p>	
Business Partnerships	<p>Is there a place for this committee to work in partnership with local businesses? Interested businesses could be a source of funds and sponsors for this committee.</p> <p>Is this appropriate/legal?</p>	Jim Upham
Online Presence	<p>Shall we have one?</p> <p>Routes in and around Bath could be posted. May require sponsorship/funds.</p>	
Other	<p>Do we want Bath to be 'A Bicycle Friendly Town'? There is a preliminary questionnaire which would be a place to start. How high a reach would it be?</p> <p>We should all read the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and come to the August meeting with a sense of our top priorities.</p> <p>Committee vacancy: The opening was advertised in the Times Record. Applications need to be made at City Hall. Lawrence Kovak has expressed interest. We will contact him to encourage him to apply.</p>	<p>Robert McChesney</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Nancy Perkins</p>

Next Meeting: August 18th 3 PM