

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
 Minutes: August 18, 2011

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

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Approval of Minutes	RE: ADA compliance Sidewalk Audit- Correction- "This should be an initial focus of this group as it is a priority for future improvements in the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. "	July 21, 2011 Minutes Approved
Jim Tasse: Education Director - Bicycle Coalition of Maine	He has agreed to come talk to us to explore ways this group can affectively engage with and educate various segments of the Bath population. (Adult ed, New Riders, youth, Merrymeeting Wheelers, Biker Ed....) Are there bikes at the Middle School?	Steve
Bike Racks	Bath Post Office is still in limbo until installation is approved ever higher up on the ladder. Another nudge... Brackett's Market: Can't use the ones we have. Will look into options for a new type. Maine Maritime Museum?	Steve Steve Jim

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East Coast Greenway	<p>The signs have arrived.</p> <p>Ride the route again to solidify a plan for posting. Check for adequate locations and mounting options.</p>	Kevin
Congress Street Update	<p>Drainage work has been a focus. Paving will happen in coming weeks. Working with Roger's Hardware to locate a safe place to cross the road. There will be granite at intersections.</p>	
Bike Audit	<p>Subcommittee met to divide up regions.</p>	Sharon, Kevin, Robert
Walk Audit	<p>To meet August 31, 8:30 AM</p> <p>Start the audit in the Downtown: the viaduct to Linden St.; Center St. from Commercial to Water Streets.</p> <p>Ask handicapped individuals to participate: Wheelchair citizen</p> <p>Biker: Rory McCarthy? Get contact information.</p>	<p>John, Peter, Steve, Jim, Scott Davis</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Phyllis, then Jim.</p>
Priorities	<p>ADA improvements. Use 'Access Design' assistance. Get info to Scott Davis.</p> <p>Bicycle Trail Designation would give notice to drivers. Need to accommodate for 3 types of riders: Serious, Kids to school, and the recreational rider.</p> <p>Once priorities are established, it may be possible to embed these projects/goals into other city projects as they are funded.</p> <p>City department budgets are tight. Budgets are created early in the year. We need to identify our committee priorities by February 2012. We can advocate for these priorities prior to public hearings, which are too late in the process.</p>	Jim

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Funding the priorities...	<p>May be able to access grant money from 'Bicycles Belong' (\$5K-\$10K) or work with local retailers in some capacity. (Post signs about/by Bath Businesses).</p> <p>Note: the City of Bath has a 'Wish List' for items that would benefit the city. There is nothing yet on the list. Perhaps we might populate it.</p>	
Committee Vacancy	Lawrence Kovak (RSU #1 Gifted and Talented Teacher) applied and is to be interviewed later today for the position.	

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3 PM