

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: September 15, 2011

Present: Robert McChesney, Steve Balboni, Jim Upham, Sharon Wilbraham, Phyllis Wolfe, Peter Owen, Kevin Shute, Jim Gillies, Mari Eosco, Scott Davis, Andrew Deci, Nancy Perkins

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Approval of Minutes	Done	August 18, 2011 Minutes Approved.
Scott Davis, Codes Officer of Bath	<p>Scott Davis spoke on the American with Disabilities Act and the obstacles individuals with physical disabilities face in downtown Bath.</p> <p>There was a Bath accessibility survey done in the 1990s, (buildings, schools, programs,...) to assess the areas where ADA requirements fall short.</p> <p>Over time improvements to accessibility have been made but we need more. A recent onsite tour of downtown Bath with a small group of citizens in wheelchairs, (as well as Peter Owen, Scott Davis, Jim Upham), was enlightening. There are issues with crosswalks and curb ramps, and significant obstacles for individuals with mobility challenges to enter and move around downtown stores.</p> <p>We need to meet with Bath citizens with disabilities and develop a list of fixes, Put budget numbers to those fixes Approach Bath City Council This committee can support Scott by being an advocate at City Council.</p> <p>Disabled citizens would like to shop in Bath, but can't at present. Businesses may have an interest in supporting improvements. There maybe funding opportunities through Alpha1. An aging population may help push improvements.</p>	

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Bike Racks	<p>Post Office request for locating a rack on site is traveling up the chain of command. Photos were taken to help the process.</p> <p>Rack at Betsy's salon is set.</p> <p>Should we look into getting a few non-permanent racks until permanent ones can be installed?</p>	Steve
East Coast Greenway signage	We will need posts in places along the route to support the signs, balancing the need for signs with minimizing visual clutter.	Kevin and Peter
Congress St. Multi-use Path	<p>It's happening.</p> <p>Center St/Congress St intersection: Will there be a right-of-way for bicyclists along the new bike path?</p> <p>The City has applied twice to DOT for funding the next stretch of the multi-use path, extending it down North Street to High St, then Washington.</p> <p>Could there at least be a Fog Line along North St, providing a place for bicyclists while calming traffic at the same time?</p>	
Walking Audit of Downtown Bath	<p>So far: Front St from City Hall to Summer St, Commercial to Broad has been done.</p> <p>Next: Water and Center Streets.</p>	John, Steve, Jim
Bike Audit	<p>Rating sections from 1-6.</p> <p>Next: Washington and Center Streets, North Bath</p>	Sharon, Kevin, Robert
Bike Routes/issues	<p>We need to establish bike routes so Peter can add them to his budget.</p> <p>Center St/High St intersection is dangerous.</p>	
Committee Vacancy	Lawrence Kovak has an interview with Bath City Council today.	

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2011