

Bath Bike & Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: October 20, 2011

Present: Robert McChesney, Sharon Wilbraham, Kevin Shute, Peter Owen, John Swenson, Steve Balboni, Sarah Bingham, Nancy Perkins, Jim Tasse

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes	Minutes Accepted for September 15, 2011 meeting.	
Committee Vacancy	Sarah Bingham, RSU1 School Health Coordinator, joined the group as an unofficial but ancillary member. Other names were mentioned regarding the vacancy.	
East Coast Greenway	Kevin and Peter looked at sign locations. Public Works posted the signs. A few are still on order. Note: They are small; somewhat hard to see.	
Congress Street Path	It is essentially done. State and Federal reviewers will come next week. Signs are going up, a fog line will be painted.	
Bike Audit	It is done. (Thanks to Robert, Sharon and Kevin). They will be designating primary routes by December so that Peter will be able to include them in the next budget which will be submitted at the end of February. Most likely these primary routes will be addressed as new construction projects happen although painting stripes and some traffic calming options may be possible.	Robert, Sharon, Kevin

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<p>Jim Tasse</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Education Director from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) Highlighted opportunities and offering in support of work we are doing.</p> <p>Arrowsic has a group of folks interested in connecting with this committee as they are working toward a bike path along Route 127 to provide safe access to Reid State Park in Georgetown. John Burke is the contact person. We could join forces and help to get a project on the Maine DOT priority list. Making the case for economic development may bump it up on the list.</p> <p>There is an MDOT mapviewer online which shows the 2 year planned projects. 2012 Municipal priority packets will be coming out soon.</p> <p>Jim handed out a list of possible Bike Ped Committee Goals and Timeframes addressing Infrastructure, Programming and Policy work for immediate, medium and long term goals (5 years). We have done many of the short term goals suggested.</p> <p>BCM Programming options include: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Presentations: A 45 minute program (which Fisher Mitchel has done in the past). It is appropriate for high schools as well, even adults. Federal dollars are used so there is no cost to the schools. Most presenters are nationally certified bike instructors. Bike Safety Rodeos (K-5) After school Bike Clubs (Targets grades 5-8 and up). Some schools have bike fleets, which means consideration for maintenance. Could have high school component, providing maintenance as well as mentoring for younger students. Clubs could lead to Mountain Bike Competitions. Bath has great resources: Whiskeag Trail, Bath Bicycle and Ski, this committee....</p> <p>BCM seems poised to offered whatever help we may need.</p>	