

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: November 17, 2011

Present: Andrew Deci, Steve Balboni, John Swenson, Phyllis Wolf, Sharon Wilbraham, Kevin Shute, Sarah Bingham, Peter Owen, Nancy Perkins, Patrick Manuel

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
October Minutes	East Coast Greenway signs, it should be noted, may appear small but the size is official and cannot be enlarged.	Minutes Accepted
RSU #! Superintendent Patrick Manuel	RSU#1 promotes over all wellness. Would support afterschool bike clubs at a few area schools. Safe Routes to School is important. Would support a walking school bus effort a few times a year; Biking in Physical Education (if there were a fleet of bicycles); Need to have sidewalks clear of snow for students to get to and from schools.	
Snow and Sidewalks	Bath does not have a formal snow removal plan. Sidewalks are cleared after roads. It is the same crew. We should develop a more formal route plan, get this committee to approve this plan, then bring it to City Council. Plowing priority 1: Sidewalks around schools and Downtown Bath areas Plowing Priority 2: Neighborhoods around schools Priority 3: the rest of Bath Snow REMOVAL happens after about 11 inches of snow accumulates. Bath has 70 miles of sidewalks. Re: Dike Newell paths. Fitts Street and Varnum field paths are plowed. A path between Dike Newell and the Maritime Apartments could be a Safe Routes to School project although complex since it would involved several property owners.	Next meeting: review a possible sidewalk snow removal plan.

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Commuter Another Day Week	Formerly: Commute Another Way Day. Happens in the Spring, in May.	Shall we promote a Walking School Bus then?
Bike Safety Day and Rodeo	June 1 st . Saturday. Perhaps tie in to schools with National Trails Day	Shall we hold a 5 mile running race? Bus to Thorne Head, end at McMann?
Bath Middle School Outdoor Sports Day January 21	Students will be outside for two hours. School has XC skis and snowshoes. (In theory, schools will loan these out). Students will also go sledding.	
Bike Route Designation	<p>The bike audit subcommittee submitted recommendations for primary routes for bicyclists to be designated.</p> <p>After discussion, another route was added: From the new bike path at Chandler Drive over the highway to State Road.</p> <p>In time: designate narrow lanes by striping and adding signage.</p> <p>After discussion, a decision to make a 3-5 year plan. Merge with a pedestrian priority plan by February, then present to Bath City Council BEFORE Peter submits his budget.</p> <p>Develop talking points, approach media, and plug in school system and safe routes to school projects.</p>	<p>Peter, Andrew and Steve to review recommended routes.</p> <p>Andrew</p>

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Pedestrian Routes	<p>ADA audit thus far includes only the downtown, (1/4 mile of 70 miles of sidewalks) We need to identify key designations in areas beyond downtown for ADA.</p> <p>Katrina VanDusen already rated sidewalks in her audit.</p> <p>We need a map that shows all sidewalks. Will try to bring to next meeting.</p>	Andrew and Peter to work with Debbie
Multi-use Path Update	<p>Path will be plowed. Some signage needs to be revised.</p> <p>In the spring, the Oak Grove end of the path will be reworked, bringing it around the corner to the existing walkway. The project came in under budget so there is money available.</p>	

Next Meeting: Thursday December 16.