

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: March 19, 2014

Present: Robert Mc Chesney, Steve Balboni, Andrew Deci, John Swenson , Kevin Shute, Travis Wolfel, Colleen Fuller, Maria Newcomb, Tink Mitchell, Sharon Wilbraham

Guests: Abby King & Dot Kelly

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes of February 2014 Meeting	Approved	
Chairs Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The re-stripping of route one northbound from the bridge to the Taste Of Maine is on hold until that stretch is repaved.2. Meeting on the Leeman Highway Viaduct will be held April 16, 2014 at 6pm at City Hall.3. A representative from AARP will attend next months' meeting.4. Robert pointed out an error in a Thornton Oaks ad saying Brunswick was the only Bike Friendly Community in the area. Obviously they are incorrect!	
Trail mapping	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. John presented a map that identified particular locations along the Whiskeag Trail that individuals needing assistance could use to assist EMS crews in quickly responding to an event along the trail. Signs will be posted at trail head kiosks and along the trail.2. Tink will speak with Chief Field of Bath PD to see if Mike can assist with getting the EMS a wheeled litter. It seems that for some reason law enforcement has some leverage in procuring this particular piece of equipment.	

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Dot Kelly – Phippsburg Conservation Committee	Dot represents the Phippsburg Conservation Committee who wishes to encourage more cyclists to visit the beaches and marshes of Phippsburg, but is very concerned about the auto/cyclist interaction. The majority of roads, especially Rt. 209, have little , if any shoulder and are dangerous for cyclists. Dot was seeking our committees' comments on how best to tackle making Phippsburg more bike friendly. Suggestions included speaking with local legislators about funding sources. Also play up the connectivity of Bath & Phippsburg.	
Abby King-Bicycle Coalition of Maine	<p>Abby is the Community Advocacy Coordinator for BCM. She works closely with bike groups statewide to highlight issues hindering cycling in state and to promote the economic benefits of bike tourism. She touched briefly on the BikeMaine Ride that takes place September 6th – 13th of this year. Bath is the final overnight stop on this years ride, which has as it's mission to promote Maine as a cycling destination.</p> <p>Ideas for promoting and advocating for cycling in our area that BCM can get behind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the Maine Eastern Railroad from Brunswick to Rockland, as a way for cyclist to do rides along the route. • CycleShare – three companies in the US offer this service. Have bikes at the Bath Rail Station where Maine Street Bath Offices are located. • Celebrate that Bath is designated a Bike Friendly Community. • The Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee needs to be visible during the BikeMaine event. • The Complete Streets concept needs to implemented not just considered! 	
Bike to Work Week	<p>Bike to Work Week is May 12 – 16. Robert will have banner put up and he asked the Parks and Recreation Department and the Bath Y to send along logos for placement on the banners since they donated money.</p> <p>Work on a social media campaign to promote the week and profile local cyclists and their favorite rides and reasons for biking.</p>	Colleen will collect profiles of local riders for social media.

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Adjourned	Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm	

Next Meeting, April 23rd ; 3:00pm @ Bath Parks and Rec. Department