Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: April 16, 2014

Present: Robert Mc Chesney, Steve Balboni, John Swenson, Kevin Shute, Peter Owen, Colleen

Fuller, Sharon Wilbraham

Guests: John Hennessey – AARP; Jen Geiger - Maine Street Bath

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes of March 2014 Meeting	Approved- Kevin apologized for putting wrong April meeting date on the minutes.	
John Hennessy AARP Advocacy Director	 Meeting at City hall @6pm on April 16th, 2014 on the work plan for the Viaduct. It appears that paving of Route 1 from the bridge to the Taste of Maine will take place in 2015. June 7th is the Bike Safety Rodeo Bath Clean Up Day – April 27th. Participants meet at City Hall. John spoke about the "Age Friendly Community Advocacy Program, with goal being to keep folks in their homes & communities as long as possible. In Maine 13 – 14000 individuals turn 65 every year. Nationally 8-9000 folks turn 65 each day. Maine is the oldest state in the nation and John stressed the importance of independent living. He also spoke of Global Age Friendly Cities which has an affiliation with the World Health Organization. In their concept age friendly environments includes "strollers to wheelchairs" Again he stressed that thinking has changed from assisted living to independent living among multi-generational habitats. 	

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Rescue Map Review	 John said there would be a discussion at the Bath Trails Meeting next Wednesday, April 23rd at 4pm on the map. Reps from Bath PD and Fire will attend. 	
Bike Maine Jen Geiger , Maine St. Bath	 Jen came to speak with the committee about our involvement in the Bike Maine stop in Bath. Discussion about currently planned events and possible events: (in no particular order /priority) There will be a dinner & entertainment at the Freight Shed Volunteers are needed to serve, clean up, etc. Noted that the original map for bikers exiting the bridge took them directly up Centre St. This has been changed. To direct riders along the ECG. Welcome to Bath @ Waterfront park w/ refreshments or something Need to secure service organization(s) for Saturday breakfast. Informational meeting of interested volunteers on Tuesday, April, 29th @5pm in City Hall. Bike Maine – on Agenda for May Meeting 	Jen will attend next months meeting. Continued discussion.
Bike to Work Week May 12-16	Kevin suggested a Mystery Ride? He and Robert will discuss further.	
Ex-Officio Reports	 High St. Project came in with a budget of \$1.9 million with funding @ \$1.3 million. Peter must find \$600K in cuts. There are no sidewalks in the project at present but plans are to widen road where possible w/ fog lines. Construction begins June/July 2014 Funding has been secured for sidewalk from Maritime Apartments to Bath Middle School along Judkins Ave. 	

Adjourned At 4:05pm

Next Meeting, May21st, 2014 @ 3:00pm @ Bath Parks and Rec. Department