

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
 Minutes: August 20, 2014

Present: Kevin Shute, Chair; Steve Balboni, Colleen Fuller, Robert McChesney, Tink Mitchell, Maria Newcomb, Sharon Wilbraham, Travis Wolfel

Absent: Andrew Deci, Peter Owen, John Swenson

Guests: Abby King, Bicycle Coalition of Maine; Marc Meyer, BikeMaine coordinator

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
Minutes of June 2014 meeting	Approved	
Chairs Report&Commentary	<p>1. Handout of Biddeford Community Bicycle Center and admiration expressed for their fundraising and their new facility.</p> <p>2. Uneven fogline painting (and thus shoulder width) on Oak Grove Avenue. Members of the committee noted the fact that north of the cemetery the east and west shoulder widths are quite dissimilar to the point where by the merge with Whiskeag the shoulder area on the northbound (east) side is almost non-existent while on the southbound (west) side, a very commodious shoulder could have been narrowed somewhat to provide a better shoulder on the east side.</p> <p>3. Bike racks. The committee had been told that the bike racks would be installed at the Custom House, Brackett's, and Bath Family Dental once crosswalk repainting was completed. In the absence of the City Planner and Director of Public Works at the meeting no information was available so discussion was short.</p> <p>4. High Street project. Again discussion was brief in the absence of the</p>	<p>1. Continue pursuing possibility for similar facility here.</p> <p>2. To discuss with Public Works.</p> <p>3. Information to be available at Sept. meeting?</p> <p>4. Discussion to be</p>

	Director of Public Works. However, Travis Wolfel raised the question about parking on both sides of High Street near the intersection with South Street opposite the funeral home which is permitted. He noted that movement of the curb inward will further restrict bicycle riding northbound.	continued.
II. Safe Routes to School Survey Results	Colleen Fuller, Access Health and Darcy Whittemore, Safe Routes to Schools presented the results of the take-home survey handed out in March 2014 in the Bath Middle and Fisher-Mitchell Schools to assess walking and bike-riding to school vs. busing and parental chauffeuring. (For a full account see SRTS Parent Survey Summary and Parent Survey Report: One School in One Data Collection Period. The schools surveyed were the Bath Middle School and the Fisher-Mitchell Elementary School. There was a discussion of the findings and a general consensus that the returns were low, only 16% at Bath Middle School and about 35% at Fisher-Mitchell. There was a general feeling that another survey might be needed but perhaps one which engaged the students more directly. Maria Newcomb mentioned that 5th (or is it 8th?) graders get iPads and the survey could go directly to their iPads. The surveys show parents concerned about safety—not concerned about crime but about heavy traffic, speeding, dangerous intersections, inadequate crossing guards. It was also felt a meeting with principals would be good and offering a bike safety course might encourage students and allay parental fears.	Suggestions for future action; engage principals to encourage biking and walking, make use of Wellness Committee, engage PD (Robert will get speed data from the chief)
III. BikeMain	Marc Meyers, coordinator of the BikeMaine visit to Bath September 12-13 described the preparations and need for volunteers (to set up camp 10-1 in the fields behind the Rec Dept, e.g.). Other activities are being coordinated by KELT, FreightShed Alliance, etc. It was decided that members of the Bike&Ped committee would circulate as sources of information in the downtown area for cyclists when they come into town. Steve and Kevin were going to look into T-shirts for the volunteers. Robert would send them the Committee's hi-res logo.	
IV. BCM	Abby King from Bicycle Coalition of Maine offered to help with the committee's publicity for BikeMaine. As of 9/4 she had provided the	Discuss MDOT's

	<p>committee with a "letter-to-the-editor" underscoring the bike-friendly nature of Bath and the accomplishments of the committee over the past few years. She also brought to the committee's attention the Maine Department of Transportation's recently enacted "Complete Streets Policy" which the committee should be analyzing for its applicability to a "complete streets policy" for Bath.</p>	<p>Complete Streets Policy at future meeting</p>
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