

City of Bath
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Minutes
May 20, 2015

Attending: (*Members*) Kevin Shute, chair; Robert McChesney, acting recording secretary; Sharon Wilbraham, Maria Newcomb, Jeane Parker, Travis Wolfel; Colleen Fuller (ACE team), *ex officio*, Mike Fields

The meeting began at 3:05. Minutes were approved with a correction of the spelling of Linda butler's name.

Chair's Report: a reminder that Bath Safety Day and the rodeo will take place June 6th and those who can volunteer should contact Rich Cromwell of the Brunswick Bike and Ped Advisory Committee. The chief said this year should be particularly good with lots of equipment coming and a slew of bikes having been donated for the raffle. The Route One project in Woolwich progresses with the road milled and some patching and a temporary spotlight hung at the Dairy Queen intersection of 127 as the ramp from 127 onto Route One south including the level crossing is under repair. Kevin said he would see about getting the Bicycle Coalition PSA videos onto a dvd and to the tv station.

Since public works and planning were not represented at the meeting, no final decision was made on placement of the extra "3-feet please" signs. Members were going to check High Street to see if any currently exist. If not that seems a logical place for at least one sign. Bike racks will remain on the agenda although Kevin did report that Peter Owen said "his men were ready to install them." The racks are to go in at Brackett's, Waterfront Park, the Customs House, and Bath Family Dental.

Colleen announced the Summer Trail Challenge, an event from Memorial Day to Labor Day encouraging people to discover all the trails in the Brunswick, Topsham, Bath area. People who obtain a bingo-type card will be able to punch it on the trails and qualify for a series of prizes including a grand prize. Colleen provided flyers announcing the event which is sponsored by Access Health, the Brunswick, Topsham, and Kennebec Estuary Land Trusts among others. It was suggested that perhaps a similar kind of challenge could be developed for bicyclists.

The last item on the agenda was intended to inspire members of the committee to evaluate the goals of the committee, what attracted them to the committee, and their own roles on it. One of the tasks of the committee is to update the bicycle plan and it is important that there be input from all members on the future goals of the committee. The committee has met many of the goals with which City Council tasked it but there is a need to keep at these tasks.

After discussion it was decided that every member would come to the next meeting with some ideas of what the goals and projects of the committee should be for updating the bicycle plan and what s/he might like to take on personally.

The issue of frequency of meetings was also raised. The committee is only one of five city boards or committees that meets on a regular monthly basis. Two of those, are the planning and zoning boards which have a legal requirement for meeting, the other two are the Community Forestry committee and the Parks and Recreation committee. It was suggested that perhaps meeting every other month might be a better use of members' time. Anyway, this too will be considered further at the June meeting.