

Bike/Ped Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Kevin Shute - Chairman, Travis Wolfel, Peter Owen, Maria Newcomb, Sharon Wilbraham, Robert McChesney, Jaime Omo, Colleen Fuller, John Swenson

Meeting minutes for May were approved.

1. Chair's report: Kevin is on the site selection committee for the new High School. Kevin discussed the three sites that are being reviewed

1. The Wing Farm site.
2. The McMann Field site
3. The area next to the YMCA building.

2. Robert attended the State Bicycle Council sponsored by MDOT. He reported the following:

- \$175 million bond is proposed by the Governor.
- LD 193 proposed 10.7 million is proposed for trail projects already designed.
- Bicycle coalition is working on paving shoulders on state roads.
- The state is reviewing warning signs for bicycles because of misunderstanding of the existing signs. The state would replace non-forming signs outside urban compacts.
- The state of Maine has dropped in a national ranking of states friendly to cyclist. This is thought to be because of other states getting onboard with the ranking.
- LD 1301 – a bill to promote bike/ped safety was passed by the legislature.

3. Kevin proposed that the committee not meet during the month of August. There was general agreement.

4. Kevin provided observations on the Woolwich paving project. The work in general is considered a general improvement over what was there.

5. Bike Safety Day was reported to go very well. All of the bicycle helmets were given out.

6. Peter reported that the North Street improvement project is scheduled to begin on Monday June 22. The beginning of the project will be dominated by the installation of new water main between Middle and Lincoln. This will require shut downs of North Street for different segments during this effort which will last a month.

North Street will be open during Heritage days. The street improvement includes the replacement of watermain, sewer mains, narrowing of the street, traffic calming measures, new street lighting, new sidewalks, sharrow painting, parking stall delineation and new pavement. The project is scheduled to be completed in October.

7. Bike Racks: Public Works has 7-8 bike racks. The committee requested that bike racks be installed at: 2 at the Water Front Park, one on the south side and one on the north side. 1 at Brackets market by the northwest entrance, 1 at the Customs House and 1 at Family Dental Clinic.
8. Kevin requested goals for the next year:
 - Peter suggested revisiting the sidewalk priority list. He will bring list in September.
 - Sharon requested a review of the distance that bus pickup from a school.
 - Maria brought up an education outreach to the middle schools to communicate bike safety and other safety information for pedestrians.
 - Robert would like to see shoulders expanded throughout the area.

Meeting was concluded at 4:08