

Bike/Ped Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm.

Present: Kevin Shute - Chairman, Travis Wolfel, Peter Owen, Robert McChesney, John Swenson, Steve Balboni, Maria Newcomb.

1. October meeting minutes were accepted.
2. Peter reported that Old Bath Road and Whiskeag Road are paved and should be striped as soon as a contractor can be contracted to do the work.
3. There was an update on MDOT's plans to replace the deck on the Congress Avenue Bridge in 2017. There is concern that the state does not plan to add a sidewalk to the current bridge. The city intends to press for a new sidewalk. The committee is urged to show up at public meeting to press this issue.
4. Peter provided a handout that presented the current inventory of sidewalks that were rated some time ago. The rating s represents sidewalks that should be either reconstructed or where a new sidewalk should go. It has been some time since a sidewalk condition rating has been conducted and Peter asked for help from the committee. Peter will send out a guideline for rating sidewalk conditions. Once completed the committee can the rate the priority of which sidewalks get improvements as funding becomes available.
5. Waterfront walkway – Steve reported that Wright-Pierce Consultants has been hired by the city to begin a conceptual layout plan of a river front walkway. There are many steps still to be planned such as meeting with the Maine DEP to determine what limitations exists to construct a walkway along the river.
6. Kevin inquired about a sidewalk in the vicinity of Walgreens and Peter deferred to Andrew who was not present.
7. Robert handed out a letter of recommendation he drafted that is intended to come from the bike/ped committee and be addressed to the Bath City Council. The recommendation is a request to the council to fund road edge lines for city streets in order to make them safer. Robert also provided a table of streets that would receive edge lines on a regular basis. In general the committee liked the language.

Peter requested that language be added to include a phrase to “add funding” to the budget to fund the proposed painting of lines.

Robert intended to revise and finalize the recommendations.

8. Next meeting is scheduled for December 16th.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:54