

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes: January 21, 2015

Present: Steve Balboni, Andrew Deci, John Swenson , Kevin Shute, Travis Wolfel, Colleen Fuller, Maria Newcomb, Peter Owen, Jeannie Parker, James Omo,  
Guest: Senator Linda Baker

**Meeting called to order at 3:00pm**

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Actions
<b>Minutes of December 2014 Meeting</b>	Approved	
<b>Chairs Report</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome &amp; introduction of new City Council Representative, James Omo.</li><li>2. Kevin met with Carolyn Lockwood, Maine St. Bath, to discuss collaboration during Bike To Work Week. Maine St. will work with their members to come up with a promotion for cyclists during the week.</li><li>3. Reminder of the Public Hearing on the North Street Re-Construction Plans to be held Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm @ City Hall.</li><li>4. Distributed a handout from the Bicycle Coalition with a list of upcoming specials trainings and advocacy session. In particular a Community Spokes mini training and Legislative session Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 8am – Noon. Register on BCM website.</li><li>5. Bike Maine Route will be unveiled February 4<sup>th</sup>. Free celebration at Empire Night Club 4:30-7:30pm.</li><li>6. Banner announcing Bike To Work Week will hang on Front St. , April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>.</li></ol>	

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<b>Senator Linda Baker</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Senator Baker gave the committee a bit of background on what lead to her Facebook post about licensing and registering bicycles. She is not in favor of that policy, and feels that since Maine has a high obesity and diabetes problems that we should be encouraging folks to get out and walk or cycle. She mentioned that the constituents who proposed the idea are “anti-cyclist” and are under the illusion that cyclist don’t pay for the road infrastructure. Which in fact they do since most cyclist drive and pay taxes. She was asked if the newly proposed state budget might put press on the legislature to generate more revenue by implementing fees and she said she didn’t think it would be considered.</li> <li>2. Senator Baker also spoke about the new traffic pattern plan for the north bound Route 1 traffic from the Sagadahoc Bridge to the Taste of Maine.</li> </ol>	
<b>Complete Streets Policy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrew asked for a sub committee to meet with him to finalize the proposed policy and prepare a presentation for a council. Kevin, Robert, Jamie, Peter and Andrew will comprise the sub group.</li> </ol>	Andrew will send info on possible meeting dates.
<b>Ex Officio Reports</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peter reminded folks about the North St. Public Meeting and gave a brief review of the project for new members and those that missed last months meeting.</li> <li>2. Chief Field gave a synopsis of the (in the works) Special Events Policy policy he and Steve have been working on. The intent is to formalize a process that at present is unwieldy.</li> </ol>	
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.	

Next Meeting, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ; 3:00pm @ Bath Parks and Rec. Department