

Bike/Ped Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Kevin Shute, Colleen Fuller, Peter Owen, Robert McChesney, Sharon Wilbraham, John Swenson, Travis Wolfel, Steve Balboni.

1. Minutes from April were approved.
2. To date there are no replacement applicants for the positions vacated by Marie Newcomb and Jeanie Parker. Anyone that knows of interested parties please contact them and encourage them to apply.
3. Kevin walked through the process that took place to complete the prioritization of sidewalks. The new list was handed out with every sidewalk identified with a condition and prioritization rating. Peter explained that this list will be used to assist the city as a guideline to improve sidewalks. It does not mean that sidewalks with lower ratings will not be improved. Sidewalks that are adjacent to a street that is being reconstructed or received special state funding may be improved as part of a larger effort associated with improvements on that street.
4. North Street stone dust trail. The issue of the stone dust trail that has been discussed at several previous meetings came to a vote. A motion was made to;
 - A) Public Works will approach Barbara Leeman to determine if there is a fix to the wet walkway that she has complained about;
 - B) Recommend to council that the walkway be paved in the next phase of the North Street project in 2018.

This was voted on by the committee and approved by majority. Peter abstained.

5. Kevin discussed the BIW safety study that is underway in response to the death of a pedestrian on Washington Street this past winter. The City is working with both the MDOT and BIW to fund a traffic study in this area to look at potential safety improvements that would enhance traffic movements in the vicinity of BIW.
6. A request was made to install a crosswalk on High Street in the vicinity of Goddard Pond. Travis offered to forward this request to Mike Field.
7. Safety Day is Saturday June 4th from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Rec. Department. Volunteers are requested.
8. Robert reported that MDOT intends to pave the shoulders in Woolwich as part of the paving effort on Route 1.
9. Robert also reported that the “Get back on your bike” effort in Brunswick is underway and will be every Tuesday evening in July and August. He is looking for funds to assist in advertising the effort.
10. Robert suggested that the committee should have a legislative liaison in an effort to communicate with state legislators on bike/ped issues. Peter nominated Robert and that was seconded and voted on unanimously

11. Kevin asked about the Bike Comprehensive Plan and suggested this be revisited by the committee. Steve agreed to look into finding the documents.
12. Next Meeting is scheduled for June 20.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58