

Bike/Ped Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Kevin Shute, Peter Owen, Robert McChesney, John Swenson, Dan Couture, Tim Blair.

1. Minutes from November were approved.
2. Kevin spoke about the open streets effort. There is interest in continuing this effort and is looking for another event to promote open streets.
3. Peter provided an update to the current paving program. All street paving for the 2016 program are complete with the exception of Pearl Street. Peter will provide a list of potential projects for next year at the next meeting.
4. Kevin discussed the state of pedestrian facilities throughout the state of Maine. This resulted in a discussion about pedestrian crossings in Bath and the episode of the death that occurred on Washington Street in front of BIW. Much discussion centered on crossing configuration but it was also recognized that education of street crossing is also a factor in the safety of the crossing. The discussion broke down into interest in an inventory of crossings, education of school children about crossings and engineering of crossings. Peter agreed to bring a standard design of a crossing.
5. Kevin mentioned that the bike coalition of Maine had a webinar. The webinar mentioned:
 - a. Several million dollars were brought into the state through bike tourism.
 - b. Description of what some communities are doing to promote bike tourism.
 - c. A Town Manager spoke about mountain biking in their community.
6. Bike to Work/School – start thinking about this for next meeting.
7. Bike Friendly Community signs were taken down. Did PW take them down? Check with Andrew about locations.
8. Meeting adjourned at 4:58