

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2017 - 4pm

1. Introduction of Lee Leiner
2. Formal Elections:
 - a. Kevin Shute / Nominated Chair
 - b. Tim Blair / Nominated Secretary
 - c. Travis / Nominated "back-up" chair
3. Specialized Bike Foundation Program: Lawrence Kovacs
 - a. He provided overview of the Specialized Bike Foundation program, the goals of which is to prevent ADHD using non-drug interventions e.g. biking.
 - b. 30 hardtails are being received and will be kept at BMS. Bikes will arrive late September, to the shop, and at this point, not quite sure if they'll be ready for a Fall release or perhaps not until the Spring.
 - c. A curriculum is being developed. The bikes will be used initially first thing in the morning. The bikes will belong to Bath Middle School, and will only be available to students during the school day specifically for that curriculum.
 - d. Lawrence is also working on the Pump Track concept. He also got a commitment for 5 bike repair stands and tools, benches and stands through a grant from Chewonki and the Lerner Foundation.
 - e. Possible concepts for the future: a mountain bike race on the bike trails, a silent auction, participation in the bike rodeo, "skills days" with Lawrence and kids in the shop, and a "community bike center"
 - f. Lawrence will be looking for volunteers to assist, and the structure for this process is not completely figured out. It might be that he needs one adult per 10 kids using the bikes. Lawrence will keep us up to date regarding progress and any additional support he might need.
4. Bike Ped Plan Review:
 - a. Consider holding a public meeting prior to presenting to the council and seeking input from interested Bath citizens
 - i. Here is what we've got
 - ii. Did we get it right, what did we miss.
 - iii. Idea to present to the public and get input as part of it. We will have to reformat the document to receive that input.
 - b. Tim, Kevin, and Robert will meet to do another round of edits to the Bike Ped Plan and will distribute to the Committee for feedback prior to the next meeting.
5. Bicycle Friendly Community
 - a. We're a bronze level, and every 5 years we have to reapply.
 - b. We get some signage and legitimacy, it's the best recognition you can get.
 - c. Kevin and Robert and Andrew have submitted the re-application
6. Maine DOT Plans for Bath (Robert)

- a. Congress Ave Bridge Deck Replacement and Sidewalk from Chandler/VIP (Delayed until April)
 - b. High Street Bridge: Improvement Planned
 - c. Commercial Street: 1/10 mile at Train Station from underneath bridge to the waterfront. Construction next spring.
 - d. Parallel High Street On Ramp project: Out to bid right now, and work would start in October.
7. Legislative Update:
- a. Piece of legislation promoted by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to require School Districts to include a certain number of hours in training. It past the legislature but hasn't yet been funded. It would require 1 hour per year for 2nd to 7th grade. Planned for 2018. Kevin pointed out that we still have this work on our agenda regardless of the legislation status.
8. Pedestrian/Safety Maine DOT Program
- a. Site visit to 5 areas that were of concern.
 - i. 5 corners
 - ii. Center and High
 - iii. High and Marshal
 - iv. Washington Street at BIW
 - v. Under the ViaDuct
 - b. Assumption is that after the recommendations come in, it might be the case that we could have access to some grant funding or special. Andrew is the primary contact and will update committee on the status.
 - c. Andrew will be receiving about 1,000 stickers, and we can use them to give out to folks as necessary.
9. Other Updates and Announcements
- a. North street sidewalk was completed (between Lincoln and High).
 - b. August 29th, public meeting on Phase 2 of High street to Washington. At City Hall at 5:30 at the Auditorium.
 - c. Between Green Street and High Street - 9 foot travel lanes painted.
 - d. Citizen Involvement Day - Bike Ped Committee will be present
 - i. October 7th, 9:30 - 12:30
 - ii. Purpose: 30 or 40 organizations provide information to citizens.

Tasks for next meeting:

- 1. Travis: Bring Copy of City Sidewalk Priority List
- 2. Andrew: Obtain the sidewalk review
- 3. Kevin: Put Crosswalks on agenda for next meeting
- 4. All Committee Members: Everyone, take some time thinking about Crosswalks, and then we can get together.