

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

In Attendance

Kevin Shute, Tim Blair, Travis Wolfel, Carl Zeis, Anne Dunham, Steve Balboni, Lee Leiner, Dan Couture, Robert McChesney

Introductory Comments

- Acceptance of Feb Meeting Minutes, thank you to Anne for keeping notes last meeting.

Update Bike/Ped Plan

- Lots of compliments to the committee from the council, and several people spoke mentioning the amount of work that comes out of the committee, and the passion of the committee.
- The Bike Ped Plan was adopted.

Upcoming City Projects

- Funding Update:
 - Lee: There is a provision in the bond procedure that it supposed to advertised to the public in a certain timing schedule which was not done, so the funds are not yet available for the City to use. The legislature is able to override this provision of the City's Charter, and it has been given approval for the state and local committees, and the timing of this is under question. If the legislature doesn't override the City's charter, then we might put it to a special City vote in June. Because of this, we cannot seek any bids at this point.
- Timeline - depending on the legislative process above, timing cannot be finalized but assumption is that July will be the earliest the bids can be sought.
- Prioritization of Sidewalk Work
 - To answer Lee's question about priority, the group agrees that the idea of a network of sidewalks is more important than an individual sidewalk section that's discontinuous from a larger network.
 - Lee will incorporate this prioritization recommendation into his planning.

Subcommittee Meeting Updates

- Infrastructure

- Working on list of potential places to spend money, and trying to lend some priority and clarity to that. Anne will send a Google Spreadsheet with the priority and notes.
- Developing some roadway standards: the committee has roadway standards and widths. Sub-committee will review in their next meeting and bring to the next meeting so that Kevin/Andrew can bring to the April transportation meeting.
- Inventory of crosswalks coming in the spring. Lee has the guidelines ready.
- Tim will send out a list of the committees and members and leaders.
- Education
 - Education subcommittee will be meeting prior to next meeting
- Advocacy and Collaboration
 - These two subcommittees are combined into one.
 - Subcommittee will meet prior to next committee meeting
 - Subcommittee notes are attached to these minutes

Tim will send out list of the Subcommittee Members (updated from earlier September 2017 version)

Infrastructure	Advocacy and Collaboration	Education
John		Kevin
Lee	Robert	Andrew
Anne	Tim	Anne
Travis		Lawrence
Carl		

Update: Bath Vision/Future Workshop

- Carl shared his perceptions of the event. Heard from young families who moved here for infrastructure and bike possibilities.
- Anne: there were many people advocating walkability and bikeability for Bath. Nobody said “I wish the roads were bigger”. Better walkability and bikeability. Anne will look to get updates from the group to find out next steps.

Safety Day and Bike Rodeo

- First Saturday in June (June 2nd)
- Corporal Small has run it in the past, and this year is looking for more volunteers.
- The venue was going to be the parking lot at the Police station

- The Merrymeeting Wheelers Club has been setting up the rodeo course for the past 5 years.
- Kevin will connect Rich (MMW) with Michelle Small and so they can coordinate.

Bike to Work Week

- Possible activities brainstorm:
 - One day back to reacquainting back to bike program
 - How might we incentivize people
 - What about this year talking to Mary at Maine Street to see if Businesses might do something to entice people?
 - Task: Find out more from Andrew about the possibility of getting funds.
 - Task: Reach out to the schools

Morse High School Design Update

- Intention is to have bike parking area incorporated into design
- Not yet included in the drawings
- Off site improvements currently have a wide multi-use path in the design and reasonable traffic calming near entrance to school
- Committee would like to know more about the land use ordinances in place and whether there are improvements that can be made to ensure proper planning for bike parking in new developments. Andrew will present at a future meeting.

Next meeting:

- Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 4pm