

Robert McChesney, Carl Zeiss, Ben Averill, Travis Wolfe, Dave Comeau

1. Accepted minutes from previous meeting.
1. Newsletter - Could distribute electronically through Facebook / e-mail methods. Can post to city web site as well. See Actions below.
2. Community involvement day. 06OCT2018. Collaboration between city and Maine Street Bath. Have box of box information to put on table. Possibly some BCOM SWAG. Also opportunity to collect e-mails. Kevin to attend; Carl Zeiss and Anne Dunham to be there as well. Planning to have copies of plan, newsletter, signup sheet for e-mails.
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 1. Get list of walks in Bath. Elizabeth Knowlton regarding audio tour? South end and north end walks both. Ben Averill to determine if old house data available. Was a Maine Street Bath Initiative to create audio file.
 2. Blue City of Bath Wellness Walk maps. Difficult to obtain.
 3. Kevin S. Noted that Brunswick has effort to consolidate maps of walking and biking trails on a single map.
 4. Get comment cards for filling out.
 5. Potential for walk or bike around town. Probably OBE. Could consider for another time.
 6. Rain day in City Hall.
4. Carl's list of walks
5. North Street improvements - Continuing to do improvements now. Not sure about completion date. Dave Comeau noted that pavement near Library park on Washington St was in rough shape. Appears to be on schedule; no update on current schedule.
6. Question from R. McChesney regarding sidewalk to be run on Oak Grove from vicinity of Judkins to North Street. Intention currently is to put on West side of Oak Grove, per D. Comeau. Consensus on need for sidewalk on Crawford Drive and Denny Road, particularly in light of traffic from Bath Middle School.
7. Road striping - R. McChesney, noted that width of streets provided by Public Works not working with values measured by R. McChesney. Differences of ~ 4ft; examples given on Washington St. Noted 12 ft traffic lanes, small lane for bikes (2-2.5 ft). Noted that there appears to be margin for wider bike lanes. Could consider PW remeasurement of streets to validate data. Adjacent to Plant home 13'8" lane from outboard of yellow line to curb. Street width is an entering argument to good decisions. Past work includes RALA (sp?) survey that may provide such data. Was done ~ five years prior. Will forward measurements to PW. (PW = public works).
8. For next month - Include sidewalk maps.
9. New business - Advocacy / education subcommittee meeting. 2nd Thursday @ 1600 at City Hall. Kevin S. will send e-mail.
10. For City of Bath website, need to update members and expiration dates. KS to send note.
11. South end transportation study kickoff 1800 in auditorium.

ACTIONS

BAverill - Update B&P plan to current edition.

ADunham - Send PDF to BAverill.

ADunham - Contact T. Blair about sending out electronic version via mail chimp.

BAverill - Ensure posted to city website, make copies for community involvement day.

Add PDF of newsletter to City Website.

Create link to City Website on Facebook.

ADunham - Check City Hall for map walking brochures.

KShute - Comment cards and pictures from Aroostook Bike ride. Also SWAG for Community Involvement Day

ADunham - City of Bath Wellness walk maps.

ADunham - Contact Elizabeth Knowlton regarding audio file for walk around historic Bath.

Additionally, I had some notes from the South End traffic study, below. It was a fairly intense meeting. Please forward as / if you see fit.

20SEP18 - 1800

Presentation will be available on City website.

60+ people in meeting. Standing room only. Tough crowd.

Four consultants, one DoT rep.

Eight member steering committee

Four from city

Two from DoT

Two from BIW

Objectives

1. Improve pedestrian safety
2. Reduce impact on neighbourhood streets
3. Improve availability of parking / reduce parking demands.

Tom Ericho - Traffic Engineer / Consultant

Advertises expertise in complete streets.

Study bounded by Center / Webber streets.

Spent summer "collecting data for data driven effort".

Two public meetings, face to face, social media, "open ended survey".

Deliverable is report and recommendations. (Schedule?)

Current data -

Federal Functional Classification of roadways. Route 1 principle arterial. High and Washington major urban collector. Some DoT oversight / control / funding. Others are local streets. Under City of Bath Control. Noted Richardson Street a different classification (minor collector). Discussion of Richardson Street classification.

Reviewed turning movement volumes - Washington, intersections on High St, Richardson street. Manual and video counting of car volume. Morning and afternoon counts both done. Question on identification of speed behaviours. Some data on speed, but not exactly same data set (done separately).

Stacked bar chart of total volume at each intersection. 1500 / 15 minutes in a.m. and 3000 / 15 minutes in p.m. (peaks). Question about 0500 shift start data? Study designed to evaluate most taxing time periods.

Question on whether study addressed type of vehicle. Information was collected in terms of vehicle type. Interest from audience, but not part of presentation.

Showed high crash incidence locations. > 8 crashes (critical rate factor) over three year period. Used 2015 - 2017.

1. Three way stop at Center St and High Street.
2. Southbound on ramp to Route 1 from High Street. Modifications to design seems to improve items.
3. North Bound on ramp at State Road adjacent to hotel.

Evaluation of traffic stack ups. Noted narrowing of lanes at Leeman Highway / Washington St intersection by audience.

Described foot traffic as challenging.

Speed survey. Showed 85th percentile speed as well as other items. Richardson not shown, graphed by intersection. Problem spots adjacent to Museum, and on High Street.

Pedestrian facilities documented, as well as crosswalks and conditions. Done in Northern and Southern ends. Question from resident about sidewalks at far South end of City. Ward councillor addressed. Hoping to get into far south end "at some point".

Some comments regarding substantial altercations between residents and transportation participants.

Slide on parking. Off and on street parking. Subsequent slide on shuttle schedule - minimizing impact to local area. Looking at why more folks are not doing this.

Mitchell Racer, Yarmouth Landscape Architect / Urban Designer

Reviewed zoning designations.

Reviewed vehicular gateways into town.

Question about use / prevalence of one vs. Two way streets between Washington and High street.

Graphic of zoning areas with distribution of surface parking. Emphasized desirability of keeping parking areas out of neighbourhoods. Confirmed that items on paper would be available. Should be Monday or so to get from City Clerks office.

Public meeting in November 2018

Recommendations in November 2018

Final report in December 2018

Questions on existing information -

1. One and two way streets.
2. Post office issues.
3. Comment that you hardly feel the speed bumps on Richardson going 40.
4. Note that other shipyards have dedicated exit ramps to facility.
5. Question about BIW off site parking garage.
6. Noted possibility of public transportation (trains).
7. Noted that placement of lights sometimes encourages traffic on narrower streets.
8. Could consider reducing size of allowable vehicles on smaller streets (trucks / buses).
9. Question about connector (bypass) as parallel to Phippsburg.
10. Noted that Union Street one ways are not observed.
11. Smoking in vicinity of streets at lunch time on Washington Street.
12. Noted possibility of BIW shifting deliveries through different route. Would avoid adding to congestion in way of South Gate.
13. Observed issue becoming more intense with shifting of shipyard work to south end. (Departed at 7:30 pm, prior to end of meeting).

Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Anne Dunham