

# Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

## Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

**In Attendance:** Lawrence Kovacs, Tim Blair, Travis Wolfel, Anne Dunham, Kevin Shute, Haley Blanco, Carl Zeis, Ben Averill, Dan Couture, Lee Leiner

### **Approval of March 20th Meeting Minutes**

- Approved

### **High Street Sidewalk (Getchell to Marshall):**

- Project was put out to bid, there were two bidders, and one has been hired.
- Weather permitting, project will be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

### **Budget Process (Public Works):**

- Capital request that the committee voted on was submitted to City Manager
- \$25,000 was provided. This in addition to the estimated \$50,000 already in the account will provide a total of \$75,000 for sidewalk improvements and new construction.
- The working assumption is that the Congress St project will be at the top of the list.
- This is significantly less than the committee requested and the committee is suggesting that additional communication between residents and Bath City Councilors should take place to communicate the importance of these projects.
- The Committee needs to consider additional ways to advocate and proceed with a plan for multi-year funding.
- There will be a public hearing for the City's budget on Wednesday, May 15th at 6 pm at City Hall.

### **Discussion about Street and Sidewalk Bond**

- This bond covers a wide variety of infrastructure items e.g. streets repair, sidewalk repair, and in some cases storm drains and retaining walls.
- The committee would like to understand more about how spending from the bond is allocated and prioritized and will be looking for ways to encourage more funds to be allocated towards sidewalk projects.

### **Bike to Work Month - Pop Up Bike Rack Updates**

- Pop Up Bike Rack is being set up at 7 am on May 6th (Kevin, Carl, Ben, and Tim)
- Bath Middle School students will be videotaping activity at the bike rack May 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Committee will be available on May 18th for Spring into Summer day
- Shut down the Bike Rack on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.
- Anne has volunteered to review data collection methods for Bath Middle School project (Lawrence will connect)
- Kevin will find the old press release for Bike to Work Week.
- Committee Bike Ride on May 17th / Leaves YMCA at 7:00 AM, arrive at BMS to pick up Lawrence and students at 7:30 AM.

### **Safety Day - June 1st, Bath PD**

- Need for volunteers, in the past there have been sailors from BIW, but not this year.
- Saturday, June 1st, 9 am - 12 pm, people interested should contact Dan Couture at [dcouture@cityofbath.com](mailto:dcouture@cityofbath.com) June 1<sup>st</sup> is Safety Day, Bath PD in the Parking Lot.

### **High Street (Prospect to Park Street)**

- The developer has put funds into escrow to cover a portion of sidewalk development

### **Bike Coalition Education Opportunities**

- Kevin has followed up with BMS regarding their interest and ability to participate

### **Next Meeting**

- Scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 4 pm