

Bikeway Committee Minutes
January 21, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05
2. **In attendance** were Mat Coes, Joyce Barrett, Geoff Sullivan, Bob Espindola and Jeff Wotton
3. **Approval of minutes** - Motion made and approved to approve the minutes from October 15, 2015, meeting
4. **Treasurers report**, the account is the same from last meeting of \$2044.80
5. **Beautification project** – we briefly discussed and decided best thing to do would be to reach out to Louise Barteau to see where it is at with the conservation commission. Bob will be speaking with the lions club about their involvement this year. If they help sponsor we could reach out to previous sponsor BRW Property Services, a local landscaping company about shifting their focus and attention to the clearing of the invasive and prepping the little bat extension area for replanting of native plants.
6. **Guest speaker, Mark Anderson** – Mark came in to present his plan for the tour de crème – a three part group bike ride along the Southcoast that will stop at various ice cream establishments along the way. A 12-13 mile ride, a 25 mile ride and a 50 mile ride. There would be a gathering afterwards with food and music. There is a fundraising component so there would be a fee for the ride and any proceeds would go to the friends of the Mattapoissett bike path and the Mattapoissett land trust. All in attendance loved the idea and gave him our support and told him to contact for any help in promoting or recruiting volunteers. The ride is scheduled for Sunday May 22nd.
7. **SCBA update** – Bike summit March 24th at whites of Westport. Focus will be on getting younger folks on bikes as well as older rider groups. Safe routes to schools will be there to do a presentation and it will kickoff next year's bike challenge.
8. **CPC application** – Mat completed the application and went to the board of selectmen as well as the historic commission for their blessing on the 4 hitching posts style bike racks to be installed around town hall. All is good and moving forward, historic commission just wants final say on placement.
9. **E-bikes** – Geoff did some research on what does and does not qualify as motorized bikes in MA. It has to do with amount of CC's and speed. There is some misconception between e-bikes, mopeds, pedilecs, hover boards etc. One thing we discussed was working up a chart of the various type of motorized bikes and electric assisted bikes etc. and presenting that to the police to clarify what is and is not allowed on the bike path. There was consensus that some of that would be left to discretion, in terms of speed of riders, age etc. For instance we don't want to harass seniors or folks with some disabilities form enjoying their pedilecs on the path, but we don't want punk kids zipping by and causing safety concerns. Geoff and Mat will follow up with that chart and presentation to the police.
10. **Signage** – Mat and Bob will be looking into solar powered “your speed is” signs to place near areas where the bike path intersects with streets. Bob was going to try and reach out to the local improvement associations to see if there was any interest from them in sharing in the costs of those signs.

11. **Cable Access** – a motion was made to allow cable access to film our meetings. Certain requirements must be met by the town in terms of how much is filmed and shown to keep the money coming in from the cable companies that is designated for cable access programming. Therefore the motion was approved.
12. **Mini golf fundraiser** – Mat will further pursue the mini golf fundraiser for a end of summer fundraiser for the group.
13. **Next meeting** scheduled for March 17th
14. 8:05 meeting adjourned