

Location: James Arnold Mansion (Wamsutta Club) 427 County St, New Bedford, MA

Attending: Bob, Sandra, Paul, Keith, Jackie, Mary-Ellen

Guest: Rachel Mulroy, from New Bedford Parks and Recreation Department

STANDING ITEMS

2. Treasurer's Report
 - Balance as of 8/13 \$3289.65
 - Anticipated Receipts from DCR @ \$860 due to recalculation of in-kind for trail building.
 - Employed Steven Real to do bookkeeping and help with filing. He has all bank statements, but is not an accountant so may need additional help. Goal is to have a report in September.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – no minutes taken in July
3. Discussion of number needed for quorum. While 10 towns are eligible to be members in the SCBA, we currently only have reps from six. So what does that suggest about quorum? Bob to consult by-laws and likely revamp.

FOR DISCUSSION – OLD/ ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Pedal for the Path Fundraiser Bike Ride- soon!! *Sunday, August 18*
 - o Up to 55 riders.
 - o Donations coming in.
 - o Everyone should keep spreading the word.
 - o Need volunteers.
 - o Will invite sponsors to event (MEB to send the letter to Bob for signature).
 - o Will send thank you to Fidelity Donor Advised fund person in Minneapolis. Assuming donation goes into general fund, rather than Pedal for the Path. (MEB to send a letter to Bob for signature).
2. SCBA member communities' updates
 - New Bedford
 - Rachel described planned NB Bike Summit Saturday October 5, and invited our participation. Mayor will attend. Several short distance rides planned. SCBA can have a table, banner, ride.
 - She reported on local bike group, NB Starchasers with whom we can connect.
 - NB developing a new Open Space Plan for 2020 and bike ped will be part.
 - Described goals for MassTrails feasibility grant, and planned location of new off road path.
 - Paul noted that while the city is concentrating on north/south linkages, SCBA is working on the east/west axis. Very complementary work.
 - Wareham
 - Selectman Alan Slavin and Town Planner Ken Buckland to handle bike path planning and construction without a formal bike/ped committee.
 - Marion -

Mattapoisett-Fairhaven-

- May be eligible for more Safe Routes to School \$\$\$. Still in design phase.

Dartmouth – Dartmouth Pathways Committee still has not met.WestportFall RiverSomerset, Swansea.

- Keith met with Nancy Durfee - Somerset. Nancy reached out to Swansea town administrator John McAuliffe and Fall River Planner Bill Roth. Keith also discussed connection from Warren, RI to Swansea with Warren Town Planner. Possible opportunity to continue off-road via abandoned rail corridor.
- Lots of interest in connections to South Coast Rail stations in Fall River.

3. Scenic Greenway/Grant status

- Urged Jackie to set up meeting with SRPEDD to determine direction for use of CPA funds for feasibility study.
 - o She said SRPEDD has been thinking about applying themselves, to be sure that our work gets the attention it is deserved. SCBA members very favorable about this idea.

4. ECG/MassBike Bikeway Advocacy Meeting-I Friday, August 16 4 pm to 6 pm.

- Four planners confirmed attendance (many invited).
- Media will be present
- Keith, Sandy, Bob to speak about SCBA.

5. Compose a letter to regional representatives to garner support for SCBA projects.

- Rather than a letter, SCBA discussed a “lunch and learn” meeting with SRPEDD to get face to face and tell our story.
- Jackie will help schedule, likely in January.
- Ideally before next Mass Trail due date of February 1.

6. Facebook donations – received another \$100. Since we pay no fee for this, keep it up. Note: \$100 on July 29 from Matt R. was in lieu of riding in the PFTP ride. To be included in ride receipts.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Bob proposed adding SCBA funds to the CPA money, to support the feasibility study. This will require a vote. On agenda for next meeting, since then we will know how much we earned from Pedal for Path.
- Jackie Jones has requested to be placed on an upcoming SCBA meeting agenda to discuss Road Diet Marion to Wareham and reconfiguring of South Coast Bikeway. This would require a vote by SCBA members.

Next meeting date: September 17 .