

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:00 PM. Location: James Arnold Mansion (Wamsutta Club) 427
County St, New Bedford, MA

In attendance: Bob Espindola, Paul Pawlowski, Mary-Ellen Boyle, Sarah Labossiere, Sandra Medeiros, Gail Rodrigues (arrived 7pm).

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)-
 - SCBA checking \$4031.72; Scenic Greenway checking \$5,615.85. From Bob's email 3/10/20:
 - Bob will pay D&O insurance to American Specialty insurance company, not to exceed \$575. See email 3/10/20. Paul made a motion to approve. Sandy seconded. Vote unanimous.
 - Note from SRPEDD re: \$500 donation. Need more details. Sandy to follow up w/Jackie
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - No quorum.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Bay Coast Bank grant application - Gail
2. Accountant and audit status - Bob
 - Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status
 - Bob trying to reach IRS re. Guidestar update. Exemption from taxes needed.
3. SCBA member communities' updates
 - Dartmouth
 - Wareham
 - Marion – Jeff reappointed; Rt 6 corridor committee
 - Westport Sunday May 17 bike rodeo at Macomber, working w/REC Dept, 2nd grade, Safe Routes to Schools
 - Need volunteers, who need to be CORI/SORI. Also looking for folders or ?? to distribute.
 - Could give water bottles left over from Pedal for the Path. Gail will follow up.
 - Mattapoisett
 - Fall River –
 1. Bedford Street corridor 13th to North Main had a road safety audit sponsored by the city w/SRPEDD, consultant, others. Sarah to get a draft report. She has raw data; it's a known site for accidents. ?? anecdotal info from the SCBA?
 - Sarah will reach out to Deb Roher; others in the FR bike community.
 2. Quequechan River Fest Saturday June 20th. Need to confirm with Parks. May be on hold... Will ask SCBA about a table once all is confirmed.
 - Fairhaven - new volunteer; FH has capital plan to redo piece of bike path; town \$\$

Somerset
New Bedford
Swansea

4. Scenic Greenway/Grant status - Feasibility Study update

- Kick off meeting w/SRPEDD held Wednesday March 4. Concept is a network, not necessarily filling the gap. Plans presented for surveying, key sites for connection, key people for community outreach.
 - They are working on a goal statement, logo, etc.
- Paul got a request from CPC for an update & extension.
- Let's ask SRPEDD to send notes and one-pager from meeting. We need to deliver on what we told CPA grants.
 - Phase 1 is inventory, not conclusion.

5. 11th Annual Summit topic, speaker and date.

Topic: South Coast Rail: It's Coming! - Connecting our Communities with rail, bike, ped

Date: May 12 Location: UMD? Speaker(s) Pete Sutton, Jean Fox,...

-- 90% certain we can have it at UMD. Waiting to hear from Jamie.

-- John will arrange a bike ride to the summit.

- Last year summit was 5:30 – 7:30
 - Welcoming reception, then speakers
- Paul will ask the Mayor's office to save the date. Sarah to contact FR mayor's office. Also invite planners.
 - Bob will ask Keith for a written paragraph describing the summit, and ask Keith to send a list of potential speakers to entice political leaders.
 - Still envisioning a panel.
 - Backup plan if meetings are being cancelled; we record or do virtually.
 - Consult website for SC Rail; and SRPEDD for prior plans.
- SRPEDD to use the meeting for community outreach. Will include drone photography

6. Compose a letter to regional representatives to garner support for SCBA projects. Invite local representatives to a meeting with SCBA and SRPEDD. Lunch & Learn or Breakfast.

- No discussion.

7. 3rd Annual Pedal for the Path date and location. August 30, September 13, 2020?

Will we continue this event?

September 13 is The Flattest Century.

Keep on agenda.

8. Grant opportunities and deadlines: United Way Grant due April 8, 2020 12 noon.
https://unitedwayofgnb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/MiniGrantRFP_4Mar2020.pdf

AARP

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.htm>

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- No discussion.

9. Cycling Without Age - Sandy

- No discussion.

10. MABPAB Meeting New Bedford - March 25. 1- 3 pm. Ft. Taber Community Center

- FT cancelled, will be virtual. SRPEDD/Jackie still will present an update using "Go To Meeting."

11. Bike and Hike - Saturday, March 28 9:30 am Ft. Phoenix, with Buzzards Bay Coalition

Sandy advertising. Wants to create a shared event. ME & Sandy riding.

Bob will check on insurance, but most likely not needed since no fee.

12. Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22. <https://earthday2020newbedford.org/>

☐ May be postponed or delayed due to COVID19.

- Paul distributed cards to create awareness.

● Surrey uncertain since don't have people to transport, drive, manage.

☐ Gail will ask the Westport Bike Committee, and let Paul know.

● May get a new banner for the Greenway – possible logo, "Connecting South Coast Communities"

● Sarah can staff a table for SCBA (3:30-8pm)

○ People write a pledge at each table

○ So suggestions could be, "Complete the Path"; bike to work; support clean transportation; go to SCBA website (our mission)

○ Also need people to work at bike corral. [Sandy will look at volunteer list.](#)

13. Next meeting date: April 14, 2020