



South Coast Bikeway Alliance Monthly Meeting:

January 14, 2020

James Arnold Mansion 427 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740

Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Medeiros(Dartmouth), Paul Pawlowski(New Bedford), Keith MacDonald(Westport), Sarah Labossier (Mass-in-Motion Fall River), Mary-Ellen Boyle, John Sullivan, Bob Espindola (Fairhaven)(phone), Gail Rodrigues(Westport/Voices for a Healthy SouthCoast) (late)

STANDING ITEMS

1. Minutes from December 2019 meeting approved.
2. No Treasurers report to vote on, though Bob sent update via email.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Bay Coast Bank grant application – Gail & Keith

Meeting soon. Will ask for \$\$ to supplement Feasibility Study funds and anticipated MassTrails grant being submitted by SRPEDD.

2. Surrey 4 Wheel cycle donation opportunity –Gail

Currently stored in Nature Shed in Mattapoisett. Will reveal in spring when the new Mattapoisett trail opens.

- SCBA should have a banner on the side, on a flag, or both.
 - Contact Bonne and Beth about details, including date.

3. Accountant and audit status - Bob

Work is nearly done. Bob will sign updated financial documents soon.

4. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study-

Motion to authorize SCBA to enter into agreements with SRPEDD for Greenway Feasibility Studies: New Bedford - not to exceed \$10,000; Dartmouth - not to exceed \$10,000; Westport - not to exceed \$10,000; SCBA - not to exceed \$5,000. Total contract amount not-to-exceed \$35,000. - Motion: Paul, Second: Keith; Vote in affirmative: Unanimous

This week Bob to sign New Bedford, Dartmouth & SCBA contracts. Awaiting word from Keith on Westport contract.



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5. SCBA member communities' updates

- o Wareham
- o Marion is anticipating submittal of its 75% review for the SCBA Shared Use Path (see email from Jeff Oakes)
- o Wareham - no update
- o Marion - no update
- o Mattapoisett
 - 1. Voting tonight on effort to connect with Marion
- o Fairhaven
 - 1. Safe Routes to school still underway
 - 2. Town Planner & DPW Director attended 201 Complete Streets training
- o New Bedford
 - 1. No news on Waterfront Connector (funded last year by MassTrails)
 - 2. Need a contact for NB Bike
- o Dartmouth
 - 1. Sandy signed the contract for SRPEDD but will not defer to Bob.
 - 2. Greg Barnes is reinvigorating Dartmouth Pathways Committee
 - 3. Working w/Jamie Jacquart at UMass Dartmouth trail – they are ready to build, need town to support \$\$ request to Mass Trails
 - 4. Recent bike accident discussed. Police report circulated.
 - 5. CPC very supportive about current status of Feasibility Study funding. Happy to review another proposal for more \$\$.
- o Westport
 - 1. Keith going to CPC about contract with SRPEDD. No problems anticipated.
- o Fall River
 - 1. Started work on feasibility study from Battle Ship Cove to Tiverton. Stantec the design consultant. \$\$ from CPA previously approved
 - 2. Would like ideas to encourage FR to Westport link. Suggestions include:
 - Tie to Master Plan
 - Explain Westport is willing to coordinate and has CPA \$\$ to plan
 - 3. Planning a bike fest in June. (14th?) like last year. Helmets donated by Truesdale Foundation.
- o Somerset - no update
- o Swansea - no update

6. Scenic Greenway/Grant status - Feasibility Study update (see above notes from towns)

Motion to authorize SRPEDD to submit Phase II Greenway Feasibility Study to MassTrails Grant Program by January 31, 2020 for an amount of \$40,000. Motion: Paul, Second: Keith; Vote in affirmative: Unanimous



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7. Lunch & Learn or Breakfast

Plan for March or April once SRPEDD can present their progress on feasibility. SRPEDD to organize.

8. 3rd Annual Pedal for the Path date and location. August 30, September 13, 2020?

No decision. Will continue to research.

9. 11th Annual Summit topic, speaker and date.

After much discussion (should we show film, organize a ride, ...?) decided to focus on South Coast Rail, and the possible connections to bike/ped issues in the region.

- Keith will check with folks at the state to find speaker or two
- We will invite mayors and others interested in economic development
- Date TBD depending upon speaker availability
- Keep film series idea for separate event

10. Grant opportunities and deadlines

11. Cycling Without Age – Sandy

NB Departments of Recreation and Aging were favorable about idea

Need funding

City does not want to own

New quote \$9,130 with shipping

Start w/pilot @ Coastline Elderly/NB Hazelwood Park location

Store at boathouse

- SCBA could get a grant to purchase, but we need to hand it off to a group that will manage

12. Facebook Fundraiser- Sandy

Giving Tuesday total was **\$660** (per email update, not \$490 as reported in meeting)

13. Next meeting date

Tuesday February 11

NEW BUSINESS

- John Sullivan will continue to lead different types of bicycle rides. SCBA will help publicize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.