



South Coast Bikeway Committee Meeting Notes

April 18, 2013 – Dartmouth Town Hall Room 103

Attendees: Bob Espindola, Fairhaven –Julie Kelly, Mass in Motion Fall River –Pauline Hamel, Mass in Motion New Bedford – Kim Ferreira, Mass in Motion New Bedford – Gail Roderigues, Westport/Voices – Alan Heureux, Dartmouth –Ken Pottel, Fairhaven – Bonne DeSousa, Mattapoisett – Eileen Allgor, Wareham – Freddie Estremera, New Bedford – Brian Pearson, Fall River – Karen Pearson, Fall River – Nancy Bonnell, Voices – Jackie Schmidt, SRPEDD – Paul Mission, SRPEDD – Neil Mello, New Bedford Mayor's Office

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes from February 2013 meeting:** Bonne noted that the host of the Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Bay State Bike Week Event mentioned in item 3 needed clarification. The Fairhaven Bike Committee was named as host of the event, and it was agreed by the group that the minutes should be amended.

A motion was made to approve the meeting notes as amended for the March meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Discussion of including the Saulnier Bike Path in New Bedford as part of the South Coast Bikeway:** Alan gave a brief presentation of the Saulnier Bike Path and possible connections to the South Coast Bikeway, Fort Tabor, SMAST and Dartmouth. Neil Mello gave a brief presentation of New Bedford's plans for the Saulnier Bike Path and the Harbor Walk. He explained that the Harbor Walk is being constructed with funding received by New Bedford to construct a bicycling/walking path with lighting on the Hurricane Barrier with access to Plum Island. Possible benefits of including the Saulnier Path and the Harbor Walk were discussed, including more commuter and family options, adding waterfront mileage to the route, positive press coverage for the South Coast Bikeway, connection to historical sites (Fort Tabor, Attractions in Downtown New Bedford), connections with employment and educational centers, possible transit connections, and tourism.

Discussion ensued regarding how the additional routing would be marketed. Possible names for the route were discussed. Julie emphasized the importance of naming consistency for the network, and Bob discussed possible signage and kiosk opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding the naming of the main route versus the spur routes, and how the group should handle adding routes. It was suggested that the main route could be called the South Coast Bikeway and that spurs off the route could be called part of the network, which could be called the South Coast Trail Network. It was discussed that the routes should have specific signage so that it would be easy to navigate. The group agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

A motion was made to make the Saulnier Path and the future Harbor Walk part of the South Coast Bikeway Network, and to write a letter to the New Bedford Mayor's Office and the Dartmouth Board of Selectmen Chair regarding this decision. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Discussion and vote on the Draft Rules, Structure and Members:** It was suggested the group create formal bylaws to assist with the 501(c)3 process and to clarify how the committee will operate moving forward. It was also suggested that the group change the titles of the Chairman and Vice Chair to President and Vice President to aid with the 501(c)3 process.

A motion was made to change the titles of Chairman and Vice Chair to President and Vice President, to keep the title of treasurer and to keep the current officers at those positions. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.



South Coast Bikeway Committee Meeting Notes

April 18, 2013 – Dartmouth Town Hall Room 103

It was suggested the group nominate a secretary that is a voting member of the committee. Discussion ensued regarding nominations. As no nominations were heard, Bonne agreed to be the temporary secretary for the next meeting. Nominations will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding content for the bylaws. The committee agreed that the bylaws should be discussed further and voted on at a future meeting. A sub-committee was formed of Bob, Ken, Eileen and Bonne to research and formulate the bylaws.

4. **Outreach Committee Updates:** Ken and Kim reported on Outreach Committee efforts including development of links with funders, the possibility of holding a bike mixer at the Hampden Inn, a South Coast Bikeway promotional video with Don Cuddy, and corporate sponsorship.
5. **Discussion of Past and Upcoming Events:**
 - March 28th Summit:
 - Earth Day: The committee will have a table at the Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo at the Fairhaven Council on Aging in Fairhaven on April 20th from 10am-4pm.
 - Bay State Bike Week:
 - The New Bedford Bicycle Committee and the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center will be hosting a Bicycle Safety Rodeo on May 11th at the Recreation Center from 12-3pm.
 - The Fairhaven Bicycle Committee will be sponsoring a Bay State Bike Week Ride on May 18th. The event will feature a family and an advanced ride and will start at 9am at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven.
 - Mattapoisett Harbor Days: This event will be discussed at a future meeting.
6. **Discussion of Collaboration with MassBike:** The group discussed collaboration with MassBike. The group agreed to invite a representative from MassBike to a future meeting.
7. **Grant Applications:** Bob discussed the application that he submitted to the United Way Mini-Grant program. Julie discussed grant writing and the need to attract people with connections. An opportunity for assistance with grant writing from students at UMass Dartmouth was also discussed.
8. **Other Business:** Interest in hosting Eric Weiss of the East Coast Greenway Alliance at a future meeting was expressed. It was agreed that Eric should be invited to a future meeting.

It was suggested the committee vote Wendy Henderson, the director of Public Health in Dartmouth as the official meeting poster.

A motion was made to designate Wendy Henderson as the official meeting poster for the South Coast Bikeway Steering Committee. The motion was seconded and approved UNANIMOUSLY.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.