



# South Coast Bikeway Alliance

## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019

James Arnold Mansion, New Bedford, 7:15 PM

### **Attendees:**

**Steering Committee Members: Jeff Oakes, Sandy Medeiros, Gail Hartnett Rodrigues, Keith MacDonald, Bonne DeSousa, Paul Pawlowski**

**Guests: Mary-Ellen Boyle, Sarah Labossiere**

### Treasury update:

An unofficial review indicated a balance of approximately \$8,800.

### Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the previous meeting were not discussed.

### Old Business and New Business:

1. The Pedal for the Path fundraiser ride raised approximately \$5,000 to date. Additional volunteers would be beneficial for the road crossing stations along all 3 routes.
2. Bonne suggested that a letter be sent to the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen describing the SCBA accomplishments over the past year in order to better qualify for their grant. She had met with the Charles River Wheelmen which may also be a source of grant money.
3. Bonne made a motion that was seconded by Gail to offer \$5,000 from the SCBA to the Scenic Greenway Committee to be combined with the \$30,000 of CPA money from Westport, Dartmouth and New Bedford for the route feasibility study. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote of all present. Bob Espindola voted favorably via a subsequent e-mail on September 23, 2019.
4. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study: The Scenic Greenway Committee will be meeting with SRPEDD on Wednesday, September 25 to develop the scope of work for the feasibility study. Bonne had provided a list of items via e-mail for consideration by the Scenic Greenway relative to the administration of the grant money and reporting to the SCBA.
5. Jackie Jones of SRPEDD plans to attend the October SCBA meeting to provide an update on the Route 6 traffic calming study.
6. SCBA town progress:
  - a. Wareham's Town Planner Ken Buckland and Selectman Alan Slavin will assume the role of a Wareham bicycle/pedestrian committee in its absence.
  - b. Marion is moving forward with its spur trail on Point Road. A number of design considerations were discussed. The effort should be made to coordinate the timing of the construction of its section of the South Coast Bikeway with the construction of the Mattapoissett connector between the Marion/Mattapoissett Town line and the Mattapoissett Industrial Park.



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- c. Fairhaven is considering posting a 15 mph speed limit on the Phoenix Path due to complaints of excessive speed of e-bikes.
  - d. New Bedford is hosting a Bike Summit on October 5 and is looking for help from the SCBA.
  - e. Dartmouth has a Pathways Committee of which Sandy is a member, however they have not met recently.
  - f. Westport is working on their Complete Streets project through their Town Planner. A bike ride along the recently marked John Reed Road is planned for October. Whites of Westport is working on a path at their facility however there has been little or no coordination with the Town or SCBA on its location, etc. Bonne suggested the best avenue of communication between all parties is through a Friends of the Westport Pathway Committee group.
  - g. Fall River has a number of on-going projects, a number of which are on temporary hold due to potential changes in City administration. They include Mount Hope Bay, Quequechan River and South Watuppa Pond feasibility studies.
  - h. Swansea and Somerset will be invited to a meeting in October with Warren RI to discuss a coordinated path as part of the South Coast Bikeway. Nancy Durfee, Somerset's Town Planner will participate in the process.
7. How to best prepare for the next round of Mass Trails Grants was discussed.
  8. Sandy submitted receipts from Pedal for the Path expenses totaling \$67.62. It was voted unanimously to reimburse her.

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2019 at 6 pm at the James Arnold Mansion.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Oakes