



South Coast Bikeway Alliance

Approved Steering Committee Meeting January 16, 2018

Dartmouth Town Hall, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Bob Espindola, Jeff Oakes, Bonne DeSousa, Sandy Medeiros, Gail Hartnett Rodrigues, Mike Langford, Paul Pawlowski, Greg Barnes, Jen Carloni, Frank Rodrigues, Hank Riley, Keith MacDonald, Joseph Marciszyn, Jim Hornsby

Treasurer's Report

Greg requested the ability to utilize a bank other than Rockland Trust closer to New Bedford or Dartmouth for ease of access. On a motion by Bob, seconded by Bonne, it was voted unanimously to allow Greg to research options and report back to the Executive Committee for review and approval of a new Bank.

Greg reported a balance of approximately \$3,000 and noted a few approved invoices yet to be paid, which he can do now that he has a checkbook.

Secretary's Report

The motion and second to approve the minutes of December 19, 2017 by Sandy was passed unanimously.

Old/Ongoing Business

Housekeeping:

Bonne had provided a number of motions for discussion (attached). We reviewed the history of the SCBA, its Mission Statement, and the intent to work through the various SCBA Town Representatives to further the construction of the South Coast Bikeway. The effectiveness of that approach needs to be re-visited in consideration of the current work on "small do-able" projects, Northern Greenway, Building the Bike Culture, etc. It was felt that such activities may confuse the original SCBA mission. She provided a Draft list of Current Committees, Active Sub Committees and Task Forces/Initiatives membership and responsibilities for discussion. On a motion by Paul, seconded by Bob, the list of Committees and Sub committees was approved by unanimous vote. On a motion by Bonne, seconded by Jen, the listed Task Forces were created by unanimous vote.

A discussion regarding the means by which to adapt the SCBA in a way that will reflect current practice was held. The results/outcomes of various Committee and Task Force efforts would be channeled by and through the SCBA rather than directly to the various SCBA Town Representatives. On a motion by Bob and second by Paul, it was voted unanimously to ask Mary Ellen Boyle lead a Task Force to review and provide recommendations regarding the structuring of the Committees and Task Forces to the Steering Committee. It was agreed that Task Force would also address the following items:

- current by laws regarding SCBA membership and voting rights,
- The current process for the appointment and re-appointment of the Town representatives to the SCBA ,
- The SCBA missions, goals and objectives,
- The name South Coast Bikeway Alliance is to be revisited in consideration that the term "Bikeway" may be too limiting.

Membership Affiliation

On a motion by Bonne, seconded by Bob, it was voted unanimously to spend \$75 for an annual membership to the League of American Bicyclists.

Grants

Paul provided an update on the UMass Dartmouth application for a grant for trail building on campus. Jamie Jacquart of UMass has a group of about 25 volunteers willing to build them. Three meetings are planned for workshops to be led by Peter S. Jensen & Associates, LLC. The \$50,000 grant application for construction is due on February 1, 2018. It has a



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20% match requirement. The SCBA's contribution would be limited support and to some of in-kind services; the contractual and grant management will be between UMass Dartmouth and the DCR.

Bob reviewed the 2017 DCR Education Grant and noted that workshops will be provided this spring that will address wetland trail crossings. The scope of the workshops will be developed by Greg, the Grants and the Scenic Greenway Subcommittees.

Hank will help develop the fourth workshop on use of GPS for trail mapping. The workshop size will likely be limited to less than 20 attendees due to the limited number of REI-supplied GPS units and other factors.

Old/Ongoing Business

Bike Share

The on-going work by this Subcommittee was presented in a memo for review (attached).

Light Brigade

MassBike has received the \$500 worth of bicycle lights and will provide them to SCBA for distribution. Bonne and Deb Roher will plan to distribute them.

CPA Grants

CPA Grant applications for use by the Scenic Greenway Committee will be submitted to Westport and Dartmouth. A membership list and designated chairperson was requested of the Scenic Greenway Committee.

Scenic Greenway

Greg reported that the purchase of 58 acres of land in Dartmouth with CPA funds was being pursued to link the Acushnet Cedar Swamp to the Southeast Bio Reserve. It was agreed to authorize Greg to provide the SCBA's endorsement of the CPA Grant request. He'll draft a letter for Bob's review and signature.

Summit

The 2018 Summit will continue with last year's theme of "small, do-able" projects. She has been working on arrangements with a potential speaker from the Metropolitan Planning District. Bob moved and Jeff seconded to authorize issuance of a check in the amount of up to \$200 for the use of the Fort Taber Community Center on March 22, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously. Bonne is looking for help on the Summit preparation. Gail will solicit the Steward Hospital Group for a donation. They will meet during the first week of February.

Tracking Progress/Events by Towns

Jim offered to see if Green Futures of Fall River will provide a representative to the SCBA.

Paul said the UMass Dartmouth Trail construction may happen next November.

Jeff noted that Marion is considering a small do-able trail section that may be modeled after the UMass Dartmouth project.

We are looking for a videographer to tape the Summit. Hank suggested that videos of the trail building workshops be displayed during the Summit.

The need to make all our files available on the SCBA website was noted.

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2018 at 6 PM at the Dartmouth Town Hall. Gail offered to take minutes in Jeff's absence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Oakes