

South Coast Bikeway Alliance

DRAFT Steering Committee Informational Meeting October 23, 2018

James Arnold Mansion, New Bedford, 6:00 PM

A Quorum was not present; informational meeting Attendees: Steering Committee Members: Paul Pawlowski, Jeff Oakes, Sandy Medeiros, Gail Hartnett Rodrigues, Mary Ellen Boyle, Greg Barnes, Jackie Jones

Old/Ongoing Business United Way Grant-MassBike bike light distribution: Sandy reported she completed the distribution of the bike lights obtained at a function at UMass Dartmouth.

Scenic Greenway Update: The Town of Dartmouth purchased open space near a potential greenway route; however the donation of the potential parking area, aka “Tomato Patch” fell through. Paul reported that the New Bedford CPC authorized the request for \$20,000 of CPA funding toward the Greenway feasibility report. He met with the New Bedford Bike Committee to map out 3 specific areas of interest and is now soliciting letters of support for the Feasibility Study. Jackie offered SRPEDD services to prepare the map in digital format. Paul reported that the New Bedford Bike Committee wants to increase its visibility and presence in the area and is considering fundraising opportunities. The idea of cycling vests with the New Bedford Bike Committee and/or SCBA graphic in kids sizes, commuter (utility) rider, and recreation rider versions. The potential for a United Way Grant funding for the vests was discussed.

Marion paths: Jeff will check with the sponsor of a spur path to Marion’s SCBA path to see if they would like a letter of support from the SCBA to include with their CPA grant application this winter. It was suggested that the Marion Pathway Committee increase its visibility through social media outlets.

SRPEDD: Jackie reported that the MassDOT Route 6 Study is ongoing and that there is still time to provide comments. We discussed her presentation of the SCBA successes and challenges at the upcoming MassDOT Moving Together Conference.

Bike Share: The ongoing bike share programs in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and UMass Dartmouth were discussed. Jackie noted that SRPEDD was looking into a regional competitive bid process for bike share services that could be used by interested Towns.

Pedal for the Path Fundraiser: It was suggested that the riders could be contacted for input on their experience in terms of the route, logistics, etc. They could be asked to provide a letter of support for the New Bedford CPA Grant application for the Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study. A special treasury account had been set up for Pedal for the Path expensed from which Greg reimbursed Mary Ellen for specific expenses.

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2018 at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Oakes