

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:00 PM.

In Attendance: Bob Espindola, Sandy Medeiros, Sarah Labossiere, Catherine DeFarias, Seth Asser, Ned Carson and Paul Pawlowski.

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
 - 1) Current Balance SCBA: **\$4019.10** (per Bob email 2/9)
 - 2) Current Balance Scenic Greenway: **\$15,337.41**
 - 3) **The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.**
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting- January Unanimously approved.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. SCBA member communities' updates

Wareham Representative not in attendance

Mattapoisett

1. Seth reported that the state and local officials will work together to announce the opening date of the Shining Tides section of the MRT.
2. The Friends of the MRT is working with the town on the design of signage and amenities along the MRT. Seth will report findings.
3. It was agreed upon that the kiosks to be installed along the MRT should contain information about the South Coast Bikeway.

New Bedford

Ned Carson is interested in becoming a SCBA representative for New Bedford. Paul will advise him on current issues and assist with his appointment to the committee.

Westport Representative not in attendance

According to Sarah, of Mass in Motion FR, Westport has decided to continue the bicycle path along the rail trail parallel to Route 6 at the South Watuppa from the Fall River line. Update: Bet and Gail walked the rail line site. Westport Bike/Ped Committee to invite Fall River Planner Bill Kenney to their meeting on Thursday, 2/18 to discuss the path along the rail line. No decision has been made yet to continue the path on the rail line in Westport.

Somerset

Catherine spoke with Nancy Durfee of Somerset and learned that they are still working on finalizing the route and signage.

Marion Representative not in attendance

Fairhaven

Planning Director, Paul Foley, presented the Complete Streets Policy to the Board of Selectmen for approval. It was adopted.

Dartmouth

The Dartmouth Pathways Committee now has 4 members and several others interested.

Fall River

1. Sarah reported that Bill Kenny spoke with VHP about amending the plans to include a few parking spaces adjacent to LePage's parking lot. Additional funding to be determined.
2. Regarding the updating of the Fall River bicycle map and South Coast Bikeway routing it was stated that the Fall River Bike Commission (Jim) should be consulted.
3. Heritage Trail- Sarah has been working on developing signage for pedestrian and bike safety and wayfinding. The map is due February 26 and award (\$300k) decisions will be made by the end of March.

Swansea

1. Catherine rode the SCB route in Swansea and confirmed that all of the signs on SRPEDD's map are in place.
2. Catherine met with Bike Works' owner Matt. He was concerned about the conditions at Village Park located behind the Swansea Library. Mat Coes, Conservation Agent Colleen, Catherine and Matt will meet via zoom during the week of 2/22 to discuss current conditions and possible action. Enlisting the help of local boy scouts might be a possible way to improve signage.
2. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study update -outreach -Jackie
SCBA Feasibility Study Workshop originally scheduled for February 23 has changed to March 9 @ 6:30 pm pending approval. All in attendance are in favor.
Set SRPEDD/DNRT/SCBA meeting date
3. Grants: United Way MiniGrant due 2/26/21
Sandy to submit an application to fund the LightsBrigade.
4. Outreach: Year end SCBA email - will modify to send out an announcement of the Feasibility Study.
5. Welcome email for mailing list. Sandy composed and posted to the website.

6. Spending SCBA general funds - special projects (Mattapoisett Rail Trail signage), unified SCB signage. No further discussion tonight. Will await Mattapoisett Rail Trail designs.
7. Bikeway sponsorships: how to solicit sponsors, use funds
Members were asked to investigate other trail organizations for their methods of dealing with sponsorships of varying amounts.
8. MassBike Light Brigade - Sandy and Sarah - ongoing
9. Accountant and audit status - Bob Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status
 - Form 990EZ- May 15th deadline
 - Form PC- May 15th deadlineBoth these forms may be automatically extended until 11-15 by submitting an extension request.
Discussion about the need for additional volunteers to handle legal or accounting matters. Catherine may have a lawyer who could volunteer. Additionally, we could reconnect with Linnea of the Legal Center for NonProfits.
10. Items not listed at time of agenda posting.
The Earn a Bike Program was suggested as a good fit for us. Other similar organizations include Bikes Not Bombs, the Bike Barn.
11. Next meeting date: March 9, 2020 or other date (March 16) if SRPEDD Workshop moves to this date.