



South Coast Bikeway Alliance

Steering Committee Meeting December 19, 2017

Dartmouth Town Hall, 400 Slocum RD, Dartmouth, MA 02747 6 pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Espindola, Greg Barnes, Bonne DeSousa, Gail Roderigues, Paul Pawlowski, Dawn DiMarco, Jen Carloni, Sandra Medeiros and Jaime Jacquart. Also in attendance: Mary-Ellen Boyle, Hank Riley and Jackie Jones of SRPEDD.

Treasurer's Report:

- Greg reported the SCBA account balance as of November 30, 2017 is \$210.99.

With the addition of the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen check of \$2450.00 the balance will be \$2660.99. A check was made payable to Sandra Medeiros for Trail Workshop Food expenses and Facebook posts in the amount of \$ 136.53. Bonne mention a request for \$30 for batteries for the Light Brigade lights.

- The minutes from Steering Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2017 were passed unanimously.

Ongoing/New Business

1. **Year End Email and Thank You card-** Mary-Ellen will produce an electronic and hard copy format of Thank You card. A list of recipients was compiled and Sandra will use Mailchimp to send email. Mary-Ellen will produce traditional cards for select recipients and forward to Bob for mailing. A year end summary composed by Bonne will be sent via email to all SCBA email subscribers.
2. **Bike Share-**Jamie Jacquart explained the differences between docked and dockless bike share systems, advantages and disadvantages. Many dockless bike systems are being introduced and competing for the market. It was suggested that a task force be created to look at the RFP created by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to give us insight on the best system to pursue. SCBA should invite local cities and towns to support a regional RFP which would result in a coordinated effort. Individual municipalities could certainly test systems individually while waiting for a regional plan to be proposed. Bob, Bonne, Jaime, Jackie and Jen will write a proposal for a Leadership South Coast project investigating Bike Share which is due January 8, 2018. Shane Trimball was mentioned as a possible contact at SRTA. New Bedford is to launch dock system by Zagster in the spring of 2018 with a 2 year contract. It was noted that Zagster will introduce a dockless station in April 2018.
3. **Membership and Affiliation-**Tom Hannon is working on a means to solicit donations and membership and will report at next meeting as he was unavailable this evening. Affiliations for Advocacy-SCBA needs to vote on purchasing liability insurance and joining advocacy groups. Insurance should be secured prior to spring workshops.
4. **Grants-**
 - DCR Construction/Education due February 1, 2018-Greg and Gail are to contact DNRT(Washburn property) and WLCT (Headwaters) for project suggestions suitable for a trail building workshop with preference to those located along the proposed Scenic Greenway.

- People for Bikes due January 2018
- Clif Bar-Operational/Overhead- Will investigate if liability insurance would meet grant criteria.

5. **Scenic Greenway Next Steps**

- New Bedford to post all 29 CPA online soon for all to view. CPA Meetings will be held.
- Crapo Foundation-Why we did not receive? Too many applicants, prefer a project not a vision, first time applicant. It was suggested that we return next year with a more concrete project. September 30, 2018 is approximate deadline.
- Dartmouth CPA eligibility due December 26 and Mary-Ellen and Sandra will submit. Will seek out letter of support from Mike O'Reilly for CPA application.
- Westport Bike/Ped to meet Thursday, December 21. Items of interest include Iron Horse, a safe Rt. 6 crossing. Meeting with Westport CPA found the committee giving serious consideration to the Scenic Greenway project request.
- Greg suggested we prioritize a meeting with the following land owners:
 - The Trustees of the Reservation
 - Fall River Water Department
 - City of Fall River
 - Division of Fish and Wildlife
- SRPEDD- Jackie stated an update of all SRPEDD planned bike infrastructure including South Coast Bikeway Map is being developed for a meeting with District 5. Motion was made that the SRPEDD map of the South Coast Bikeway should show all proposed routes included in the Scenic Greenway feasibility study and all of Rt. 6 from the Fall River line to the New Bedford/Fairhaven line. The Motion was seconded.
- Discussion regarding Route 6 was that it must be included as an important commuting corridor. A class 1 facility on Rt.6 from the Fall River line to the New Bedford/Fairhaven line should be included in the official South Coast Bikeway options.
- Discussion described The Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study as the Northern Route as currently mapped, the Railroad, Old Westport Road- Plainville Road-Tarkiln Road Corridor connecting to the New Bedford Blue Lane.
- Five members present (Bob, Greg, Bonne, Paul and Gail) voted in favor. Two additional votes are needed from other Towns.

6. **2018 Summit and Event Planning**

- At last meeting Dawn DiMarco was to secure the availability of the Fort Taber Community Center for Thursday, March 22, 2018. No report was given.
- It was proposed by Greg that we duplicate the success of the last summit and look for an engaging speaker. Perhaps one from the Cape Cod Rail Trail.

Reports and Updates-none were given.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2017 Dartmouth Town Hall @ 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Medeiros