

SCBA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:00 PM. Location: Virtual Meeting
(email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com for access)

Meeting called to order @ 6:14

In attendance: Bob Espindola, Sandy Medeiros, Catherine Defarias, Gail Rodrigues, Jeff Oakes, Sarah Labossiere, Seth Asser, Mary-Ellen Boyle, Jackie Jones, Paul Pawlowski

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
 - We are awaiting an update from SRPEDD re: outstanding/pending invoices
 - SCBA Main Checking Account: \$4019.10
 - SCBA Scenic Greenway Checking Account: \$46,553.87
 - The Tuesday Giving Facebook appeal yielded \$30.00
 - Report unanimously approved.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – November minutes are pending

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Possible Bikeway sponsorship.
 - Correspondence is on-going between Sandy and a potential donor who is interested in “sponsoring” a section of the South Coast Bikeway. The form of sponsorship and its dollar value has yet to be determined. Members will research similar arrangements made with various pathway organizations as well as state agencies.
2. [Solomon Foundation](#) Meeting - post meeting comments.
 - Fairhaven has ongoing correspondence with the Solomon Foundation regarding the section on Route 6 between Fairhaven and New Bedford. A Complete Streets project may be the best approach.
 - Fall River is also corresponding with the Solomon Foundation regarding their potential involvement in signage placement and path routing.
3. Moving Together
 - The virtual conference was held on September 17-19. Keith participated and noted the various sessions are available for view on-line.
4. Central New Hampshire Bicycle Coalition and in coordination with Mass Bike
 - A pilot program to set up covered bicycle parking at select Market Basket locations will be implemented from May 1 through October 31 of 2021. The SCBA will request the New Bedford Market Basket to participate.

5. The Penn State University Physical Activity and Public Health survey
 - A survey is available in order to understand some of the details of how organizations operate. **Here is a link that allows anyone to take the survey:** https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3J16DIAC2bhbaJf
 - A short blurb below is provide for those who wish to pass the survey along:
The Penn State University Physical Activity and Public Health Laboratory is conducting a survey in order to understand some of the details of how your organization operates and some of the strategies you use to encourage biking among diverse and underserved populations in your community. We would like to use this information in the future to develop training programs for promotion and advocacy of biking in underserved populations
6. SCBA member communities' updates (see end of this document)
7. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study
 - Jackie anticipates a Public Outreach effort regarding Phase 2 of the study will be initiated in January 2021.
 - Mass Trails and MassDOT will be more involved with Phase 2 of the study.
8. MassBike Light Brigade
 - Sandy has received 20 lights that she and Sarah will distribute. Ideally the recipients will be cyclists commuting to work in the darks such as those working at the New Bedford fish houses.
9. Accountant and audit status
 - Bob is in communication with our accountant and is awaiting his reports.
 - Bob will request that all checks sent to the SRPEDD office be forwarded to him for depositing at Rockland Trust. Specifically the \$250 and \$500 checks currently at the SRPEDD office are to be provided to Bob ASAP for deposit prior to year's end.
10. Items not listed at time of agenda posting
 - Jackie anticipates the update of SRPEDDs maps showing the Southcoast Bikeway routes.
 - The need/opportunity for SCBA signage along the route was discussed. Jackie will provide existing maps of sign locations for editing by individual Town representatives. The potential to obtain signs via sponsorship and co-signage with the ECG was discussed.
11. Next meeting date January 12, 2020

MEMBER UPDATES

Wareham – None

Marion – Jeff reported he had provided the Marion Pathway Committee Chairman and the Marion SUP Project Engineer with the video and an overview of the

SCBA presentation to the Solomon Foundation. He noted the DOT said there is the potential for the Marion SUP construction to be moved to the 2023 TIP from the 2024 TIP provided the 75% Design submittal was provided by the Project Engineers by January. The Project Engineer told Jeff that the submittal was on track for a December 18, 2020 submittal. The advantages of incorporating a Mass DOT Shared Use Path (SUP) connection between Marion and Wareham with the potential reconstruction of Route 6 were discussed. Jackie noted that route is likely easier to achieve than the County Road connection shown as the preferred alternatives on SRPEDD plans. It also has the support of the Town of Wareham. Jeff will pursue that route option with the Town of Marion with the goal of obtaining the Marion Selectmen and the Pathway Committee endorsement prior to a vote by the SCBA stating that the Route 6 connection is the preferred route. Jackie is looking for that vote by May 2021. Jeff provided an update on the Town sponsored $\frac{3}{4}$ mile path that will provide an off-road section of the Point Road connector to the SUP.

Mattapoisett – Seth reported the Friend of the Mattapoisett Pathway has received all its funding required for the construction of Town's path connection from North Street through the Industrial Park to the Marion town line. The on-going construction of the Shining Tides section of the SUP should be completed by April 2021 for its opening. Seth used the Fairhaven SUP Rapid Flashing Beacon as an example of a safe crossing signal at the Brandt Island Road crossing as a Complete Streets project.

Fairhaven – see Item 2 above

New Bedford – Paul noted that all the New Bedford Planning department representatives have left the City employment so New Bedford is currently lacking City representation on the SCBA.

Dartmouth - Sandy noted she is still working to put together a Pathway Committee.

Westport – Gail is continuing to work with Keith on the connection to Fall River.

Fall River – see Item 2 above

Swansea – none

Somerset – none