

## SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:00 PM. Location: Virtual Meeting (email [thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com](mailto:thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com) for access) Audio and video taped.

**In Attendance: SCBA Committee-** Bob Espindola, Sandy Medeiros, Gail Rodrigues, Paul Pawlowski, Seth Asser

Others in attendance: Bonne DeSousa and Anne Bryant of Mattapoisett, Chris Keyes of Norton

### STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
  - a) Current Balance SCBA: \$4629.10 (per Rockland Trust account)
  - b) Current Balance Scenic Greenway: \$15,337.41
  - c) The Treasurer's Report. Final approval via email.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting- February 2021 - Final approval via email.

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mattapoisett Rail Trail -members of Friends of the MRT (Bonne DeSousa, Ann Bryant, Seth Asser) shared a spreadsheet and MRT maps that organized the current conditions of the rail trail segments. An efficient way to communicate what is happening and where, next steps and priorities and costs. Static and interactive maps with color coded sections which are transferred to the spreadsheet for ease and clarity. Useful when seeking grant funding opportunities and much more.
2. SCBA member communities' updates
  - Wareham-** not present
  - Mattapoisett-** see above
  - New Bedford-** Ned is still working on getting appointed. Mat suggested David Civitrese as an additional rep. Sandy will reach out.  
Gail is working with NB to install wayfinding signs through the Healthy Neighborhood Grant.
  - Westport-** Gail stated that the Westport Bike/Ped Committee lost a longtime member and needs an additional two members to fill the committee.  
The Board of Selectman approved the Complete Streets application. SRPEDD to assist with the prioritization plan along with the assistant town planner. Bob mentioned the availability of state level grants for setting up complete Streets through the Community Compact Program.  
Westport River Watershed Alliance will be celebrating the river in June with bicycle rides led by Deb Weaver.
  - Somerset -** not present
  - Marion-** not present

**Fairhaven-** Longtime Fairhaven Bicycle Committee member, Mat Coes, has relocated but continues to support the SCBA with website design.

**Dartmouth-**The Dartmouth Pathways Committee has grown to a committee of six. Field trips to the sites of small doable projects are being planned. The Heritage Trail of the ten villages of Dartmouth is being researched with the intent of developing a bicycle route and map of the sites.

**Fall River-** Sarah of Mass-in-Motion FR announced that Fall River received a \$229k grant to add bicycle lanes in three different areas, crosswalks, beacons, flexposts and wayfinding signage featuring the ECG, SCBA. The lanes connect the waterfront to the QRRT. work to be completed by May 31, 2021.

VHB has been asked to add parking on the south side of route 6 at the site of the 1000ft extension of the QRRT to the Westport border.

A sculptural installation on the QRRT near Britland Park will be installed in May in conjunction with the Fabric Festival organization.

Two benches will be installed to honor longtime MIM rep Julianne Kelly and volunteer Janice Clark.

QRRT Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 17 with Be the Solution to the Pollution and Earth Day.

**Swansea-** Catherine has been discussing the conditions of Village Park with the Conservation Agent, Bike Works and will meet with them and the town administrator to work to improve conditions and safety for all users.

3. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study update -outreach -Jackie shared posters with Sandy to upload to social media and send to press. The study site was updated with the new workshop information.

SCBA Feasibility Study Phase 2 Workshop May 4, 2021 6:30 pm

4. Grants: United Way MiniGrant - awarded \$1000!! MassBike Lights Brigade -[Lights](#) to be purchased - vote taken to approve allocating SCBA funds of \$250 as the required match. Voted favorably by Sandy, Bob, Sarah, Gail and Seth. Additional grant opportunity worth investigating-Transportation for Mass - Apply before May 28,2021 [https://www.t4ma.org/tj\\_rfp?s=03](https://www.t4ma.org/tj_rfp?s=03)

Transportation Justice Grant-groups advocating to improve bike/ped/trans inequalities.

5. SCBA Website - Mat Coes, Sandy, Catherine

Mat is recreating our website and will host it as well. Thank you, Mat!

Do we wish to become a membership driven organization? Membership levels? Benefits?

Pictures needed. Original digital files desired. Smiling faces. Sandy asked all communities to review their SCBA website community page, recommend updates and edits.

6. Spending SCBA general funds - special projects -unified SCB signage- discussion postponed. See item #10 below.
7. Bikeway sponsorships: how to solicit sponsors, use funds - discussion postponed. See item #10 below.
8. Accountant and audit status - Bob Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status- Bob to contact Steve Reale about completing the necessary filings stated below.
  - Form 990EZ- May 15th deadline
  - Form PC- May 15th deadlineBoth these forms may be automatically extended until 11-15 by submitting an extension request.
9. Buzzards Bay Ride- South Coast Bikeway team - [Sign up today](#). Ride Oct 3
10. Items not listed at time of agenda posting. It was recommended that we have a meeting to discuss the structure of SCBA including items such as spending funds (#6), sponsorships (#7), bylaws, goals and objectives, membership structure. Paul and Bob offered to create an outline in advance of a special meeting.
11. Bob reminded us that SRPEDD allocates 20 hours to each community for planning assistance.
12. Chris Keyes asked about the Pedal for the Path and offered to volunteer and ride. Committee members are in favor of holding a 4th annual PFTP in September. To decide a date at our next meeting.
13. Next meeting date: May 11, 2021
14. Adjourned 7:50 pm.