

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:00 PM. Location: Zoom Meeting (email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com for access)

In attendance: Bob Espindola, Sandra Medeiros, Gail Roderigues, Jacqueline Jones, Paul Pawlowski, Keith MacDonald, Seth Asser, Alan Slavin, Jeff Oakes

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
 - per Bob's earlier email
 1. Regular Checking - \$4,691.72
 2. Scenic Greenway Account \$5,615.85
 3. Today paying Directors and Officers Insurance to American Specialties, \$466.00
 - committee approved unanimously
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - modify that Gail arrived after 7pm
 - committee approved
3. Received and deposited two checks:.
 - Fidelity check from Debby Sharpe and her husband. Sent thank you.
 - South Coast Hospital reimbursement for event support

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Bay Coast Bank grant application – Gail
 - Could not set up a conference call last week.
 - Still trying to set up time to talk.
 - Delegated to Sandy and Gail
2. Accountant and audit status - Bob
 - Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status
 - Nothing new
3. SCBA member communities' updates:

Wareham – Bike path scheduled for 2024. Town issues with the route. Still unconnected. The MPO voted to fund other projects including Rt. 6 study, & Swiss Beach, which has great bike/ped aspects. Bike Path may go to 2025. Stimulus funds (federal) might help with funding for projects ready to go. This will be a short window.

Mattapoisett – Call with Bonne & Dana (newspaper reporter) re. current status of bike path extension. Bob will forward. New representative, Seth Asser. He will prioritize bike safety.

New Bedford – Mobility Planning Committee for the waterfront connector. Interesting presentation; three options for alignment, cost estimates. From <1 million to 8 million. Next phase is public input. Report due this summer. Paul will send.

Fairhaven Town discussed closing the bike path due to Covid 19 pandemic. Posted signs reminding people about social distancing. Since then, concern that six feet not enough, due to people's exertions. Got approved for Complete Streets, town planner working on it. Hoping to re engage bike path committee. Have \$750,000 project on schedule for next year. It is shovel ready, so could advance if stimulus funds come available.

Dartmouth Pathways committee still has not met. Existing members at the end of their term. Supposed to meet with the selectmen and town administrator. In Padanaram tons of bikes! Kids everywhere, lots of activity! Waiting to work with SRPDD on Scenic Greenway. Could feasibility study get the committee to move along ? Sandy will speak with Greg.

Westport Formed a subcommittee for planned 5/17 Bike Rodeo. Gail will ask about status. Not optimistic it will happen. Looking into grant possibilities (Helen Ellis). Looking to get bikes recycled from the dump. Have signs. Will work with Yesteryear to refurbish.
- All set to use CPC funds for SRPEDD study.

Fall River Not sure Sarah got an invitation to this meeting? Will follow up with email.

4. Scenic Greenway/Grant status - Feasibility Study update

- Jackie – Still moving along. Have a map of all the proposed routing. Time line might shift. Working on remote community participation.
- Keith – MABAP meeting. Well-represented by the South Coast. Making a concerted effort to include the South Coast, hopefully resulting in a positive outcome of DCR grant proposal. We should learn in mid-May.
- Jackie showed the website w/map and comment capacity. Will send to towns. She will send a link. Some more work needed, but it is technically live.
 - Link for project hub site - scba-feasibility-study-srpedd.hub.arcgis.com/ -
- Hoping for May public outreach. SRPDD cannot do field work right now. Possibly more will participate remotely.

5. 11th Annual Summit

Topic: South Coast Rail: It's Coming! - Connecting our Communities with rail, bike, ped

Date: May 12 Location: UMD? Speaker(s) Pete Sutton, Jean Fox,...

- All in limbo. Should we do a virtual summit? Or postpone to do in person? Mass Bike talking about postponing until September.

6. Compose a letter to regional representatives to garner support for SCBA projects. Invite local representatives to a meeting with SCBA and SRPEDD. Lunch & Learn or Breakfast.

- We could invite them to feasibility study meetings.
- Might make sense to plan this via another call. Action item.
- Or just an update about what we are planning? Regroup in the next week or so to discuss. But we need a date to share with them.

7. 3rd Annual Pedal for the Path date and location. August 30, September 13, 2020?

- Window of opportunity will open for other groups too, all at the same time. Should we plan a joint operation, so that we are in harmony? Sandy will speak to Buzzards Bay about partnering. Could ask SouthCoast Health, Not Your Average Joes.
 - Could Buzzards Bay share in revenue?
 - Also consider Narragansett Bay Wheelmen
 - We will communicate w/them.

8. Grant opportunities and deadlines: United Way Grant - Did not submit. Not eligible.

AARP <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.html>

9. Cycling Without Age – Sandy

- On hold for now.

10. MABPAB Meeting New Bedford - VIRTUAL MEETING March 25. 1- 3 pm.

11. Bike and Hike - POSTPONED Ft. Phoenix, with Buzzards Bay Coalition

12. Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22.

- Postponed. Still waiting for the date.

13. Next meeting date: May 12, 2020 (original Summit Date).

New business:

Dighton working to connect to local efforts. Planning a forum, will reschedule. We should connect