

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 PM. Location: Virtual

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Espindola, Sandra Medeiros, Catherine Defarias, Gail Rodrigues, Tabitha Harkin, Keith Macdonald, Sarah Labossier, Seth Asser, Mary-Ellen Boyle, Alan Slavin, Jackie Jones, Ned Carson, Paul Pawlowski

Welcome to Ned!

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report

- SCBA Main Checking Account: \$\$3939.10
- SCBA Scenic Greenway Checking Account: \$15662.65 (\$10,000 added from BayCoast)
 - unanimously approved

2. Minutes from July Meeting

- unanimously approved

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Events/Outreach

September

- **3rd Annual Pedal for the Path** September 13, 2020
 1. Informal ride:
 - a. No town/city permissions
 - b. No fee to register so no insurance
 - c. Need to keep track of numbers in case they approach the 50 limit
 - d. We will provide GPS link and a printed route for people to photo
 2. SCBA representation at Horseneck, Dartmouth Y, Pier 3, Fairhaven Phoenix RT start/Main ST, Mattapoissett Neck RD. Wareham and Marion reps could be at Matt. Neck RD, Swansea and Somerset (?) at Horseneck
 - a. SRPEDD has to follow state guidelines re. participation
 3. YMCA – will not use the facility. Can direct participants to nearby restrooms.
 4. Will use FaceBook & website for registrations & donations
 5. Buzzards Bay Coalition are happy to partner, advertise as a training ride
 6. We will distribute posters electronically – SCBA members can print and distribute
 - a. Note some towns require permission to post
 7. SCBA members volunteered to staff and ride.
- 11th Annual Summit

- o Postponed
 - o ZOOM event will focus on Scenic Greenway & SRPEDD Feasibility
 - o Let's try to schedule for 2020 (so we can continue our "annual" event)
 - o ADD to agenda for next SCBA meeting
2. SCBA member communities' updates (**SEE BELOW**)
 3. Scenic Greenway/Grant Awarded!! - Congratulations all.
 - a. Feasibility Study Phase 2 will begin October 1
 - b. Jackie will circulate Guiding Principles for comment, would like a vote next meeting
 - c. Press Releases have gone out
 4. Response to letter sent to state and local officials – Sandy
 - a. We had 19 officials open our email which was a rate of 38%. We sent 52 emails on Monday, July 20 and had 2 bounces. I am looking to correct those.
 5. New topics: Video still planned, more at next meeting
 6. Next meeting date September 8, 2020

UPDATES FROM MEMBER COMMUNITIES

- Wareham
 - o Seth will speak with Jackie on Minot Ave project and update how we have a viable plan
- New Bedford
 - o We got a grant for parklets on Acushnet Avenue and Downtown that we are putting together quickly.
 - o We will be hosting a seminar late this month with SRPEDD's help with more information.
 - o Information on that webinar will be posted on the Department of City Planning Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NBcityplanning>
- Somerset
- Marion
- Dartmouth – Developing list of potential new members for Pathways Committee.
- Swansea
- Mattapoisett
 - o New trail potentially opening in November.
 - o Will get info on any ribbon cutting

- o Also working on safety initiatives, especially regarding road crossings.
- Westport
 - o Had a call with congressional delegation & MA DOT regarding Rte. 6 corridor safety
 - SRPEDD to complete a study in 2021, extending to Cross Rd. in Dartmouth
 - Bike path extensions being discussed
 - o Bike recycling now at dump – will share outreach so that SCBA will promote to other communities
- Fairhaven
 - o Reunited Bikeway committee gearing into action
 - o New chair, familiar and new members
- Fall River
 - o VHB studying scope for extension to Westport
 - o South Wattapa feasibility study underway
 - Using CPA funds, \$12,000 short. Will go back to CPA
 - New round 9/1 – hopeful
 - Al Lima will work on funding
 - o Mt. Hope Greenway feasibility being planned
 - o Signage needed. Sarah will fund and organize