

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00 PM. Location: Virtual Meeting (email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com for access)

SCBA Representatives In Attendance: Sandra Medeiros, Seth Asser, Gail Rogerigues, Sarah Labossiere, Catherine DeFarias, Bob Espindola, Jeff Oakes

Others in Attendance: Chris Keyes, Sandria Parsons

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed).
 - Checking Accounts: \$8,987.34 SCBA, \$18,292.54 Scenic Greenway, \$5,000 Special Project Account- Treasurer's Report approved unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting- October 2021 Motion: Catherine, Seconded: Sandy- Approved unanimously.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. SCBA member communities' updates - Sent via email prior to meeting.

Wareham	Mattapoisett	New Bedford	Westport	Somerset
Marion	Fairhaven	Dartmouth	Fall River	Swansea
2. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study update -outreach- next steps -Jackie/Gregory
Waiting for reply from SRPEDD.
3. MassTrails Grant (MTG) applications- UMD trail- The SCBA committee voted to send a letter showing support of the UMD Trails project for their MTG application. Members also discussed the possibility of other applications for small projects. Deadline to apply is Feb 1, 2022.
4. MassDOT Route 18 project-
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5c5cc0ce44f2462081e0d177f677ed6f> next meeting ? public comment -
https://pima.massdotpi.com/public/comment/project-comment-dynamic?project_id=14247
Take the survey <https://www.mass.gov/doc/route-18-survey-242021/download>
5. Westport/Dartmouth RT6 Study- SRPEDD next public meeting November 17 @6:30 pm.
6. United Way MiniGrant -MassBike Lights Brigade - Fall 2021
7. State and Federal tax filings - Bob ST and Sandy have been analyzing the bank statements and categorizing expenses and receipts in order for Stephen Reale to prepare the state and federal tax documents. Both should be filed on time.
8. SCBA Website - Mat Coes has requested a couple of new photos to be taken in each of the communities. The new website will be the place to visit for those wanting to learn more. Pages should be updated regularly.

9. Reorganization of SCBA - Committee (Bob & ?)

- **Schedule Annual meeting and election of officers. President, Treasurer, Secretary**

10. Items not listed at time of agenda posting. Chris Keyes pointed out that real estate is skyrocketing thus creating outrageous costs for easements and land takings. Route 6, though not originally favored, might be more cost effective.

11. Next meeting date: December 14, 2021

Community updates as submitted in advance:

Wareham - We're still on track on the tip program for 2024 for funding on the Narrows Road, Minot AVE bike path section. We're still looking at the route 6 makeover being looked at by SRPEDD and MA DoT as a potential bike path lane from Marion town line to Chapel St (which intersects with Main Street Wareham Village). The County Road bike path proposal is currently not in our plans. Hoping to revitalize the bicycle path committee and appoint a SCBA rep.

Marion - Jeff has been re-appointed as SCBA Rep. Wareham has abandoned County Road as the South Coast Bikeway (Bikeway) connection to Wareham in favor of a Route 6 connection. The connection would be at the Town line on the Route 6 bridge over the Weweantic River. The MassDOT and SRPEDD are in the process of a redesign of Route 6 through Mattapoisett, Marion and Wareham. Current design options include pedestrian/cyclist paths alongside but separated from the roadway. Norm Hills (Marion Selectman and SRPEDD rep) said the Town is in favor of the Route 6 connection and that he has been participating with SRPEDD and the Town's Transportation & Circulation Task Force (TCTF) on the Route 6 redesign and development of paths within Marion to connect to the Bikeway. I met with him, a TCTF representative and the Town Planner for an update on the Route 6 redesign and will be included in their future meetings in order to incorporate the Bikeway design into the plans.

Jeff would like to review the SCBA bylaws for reference on how SCBA should work with the town to advance the bike paths.

Mattapoisett - Tomorrow Wed 11/10 am the Friends Town Hall team meeting with town administrator Mike Lorenzo to discuss 3 items:

1. The CPC funds
2. The 500K MassDot funds
3. And the Friends and the Bike Path Committee's desire to put together a presentation for the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee and the Select Board as to how to move the bike path's construction forward.

Our board meeting is Wed at 4:30 so I'll have more info.

Seth re-appointed SCBA rep for Mattapoisett

Fairhaven- \$332k received from Complete Streets for projects throughout town. Three new Fairhaven Bike Committee members have been appointed.

1. **New Bedford-** Mass DOT study of RT 18 from Elm ST north to Coggeshall is stunning. A 4th public meeting has yet to be announced. Public comment is welcome on the study site.
2. The switchback ramp proposed for exiting RT6 from Fairhaven is a separate project and will begin in 2022.
3. County ST is being studied for the addition of bicycle lanes or protected paths from Cove RD to Union ST.

Dartmouth - A 4th field trip to New Bedford waterline located near High Hill RD has yet to be scheduled. Jamie Jacquart may apply for a MassTrails grant for the UMD trail. SRPEDD is studying RT 6 in Westport and Dartmouth. A public meeting for residents of both communities is scheduled for **November 17 @ 6:30 pm.**

Westport -Members of the Westport Bike/Ped Committee are being appointed by the Select Board. SRPEDD held a public meeting for the Route 6 Westport study and 33 people attended the zoom meeting. Complete streets are in the queue for progress in Jan 2022. Bike recycling is closed for the winter and had great success. Westport Bike/Ped have been meeting with the various town departments.

Westport is moving forward with the design of water and sewer on Route 6.

1. **Fall River** - Final segment of the QRRT to the Westport line is progressing.
2. Mount Hope Bay project- Railroad and sewer
3. Shared Winter Streets will happen after much delay. Extended through June 30, 2022
4. Brian Pearson will be relocating and will no longer be involved with Fall River Bike Committee. He has volunteered numerous hours to promote bicycling and the QRRT. John Nery is temporary FBC lead.

Somerset-

Swansea - A Swansea Police and BayCoast Bank Bicycle Rodeo was held on November 6. Officer Sousa and Catherine helped with set up and helmet fitting. Catherine suggested having this at the Swansea YMCA during the harvest farm fest events on Saturdays for next October.

The police were able to secure 50 helmets and 50 bike lights from a State grant for Police involvement in the community. BayCoast Bank family members were invited. The bank also had giveaways, coffee and donuts. Advertisement was late in getting out due to delays in approval from the State. Catherine was appointed to fit helmets. Next spring, she will be working with officer Sousa to host the same event at the Swansea YMCA during the Open Air Market. There were mostly very young children, but hoping at the YMCA and with more advertisement, they will reach a broader age group.

