

SCBA Meeting Minutes

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sandra Medeiros, Catherine Defarias, Keith Macdonald, Seth Asser, Mary-Ellen Boyle, Alan Slavin, Ned Carson, Paul Pawlowski, Jeff Oakes, Greg Barnes,

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
 - 1) Current Balance SCBA: **\$3939.10** (per Bob email 9/8)
 - 2) Current Balance Scenic Greenway: **\$15,662.65**
 - 3) TO DO: Bob to transfer recent Face Book deposit to the Scenic Greenway Account
 - 4) What is the status of payments to SRPEDD for Phase 1 Feasibility Study?
 - a. Waiting on Westport and NB invoices.
 - 5) TO DO: Follow up with SRPEDD separately. We now expect a third invoice. Confirm with Jackie.

Treasurer's Report **APPROVED**.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (ME emailed to all; seek formal approval next meeting)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Events/Outreach

September - rescheduled Massachusetts Bike Month

- **3rd Annual Pedal for the Path** date(S), location(S) and details. September 13, 2020 Dartmouth YMCA and other starting points.
 1. SCBA representation at Horseneck, Dartmouth Y, Pier 3, Fairhaven Phoenix RT start/Main ST, Mattapoissett Neck RD. Wareham and Marion reps at Matt. Neck RD, Swansea and Somerset (?) at Horseneck. SRPEDD at Dartmouth Y?
 2. YMCA , Horseneck parking
 3. Partnership with Buzzards Bay Coalition – very supportive
Lots of details discussed about parking, route, etc.
- ☑ We should be prepared to collect donation onsite, and make it easier to donate online.
- 11th Annual Summit
Postponed Topic: South Coast Rail: It's Coming! - Connecting our Communities with rail, bike, ped. Virtual Speaker(s) Pete Sutton, Jean Fox,...

2. [Solomon Foundation](#) (Allison Burson and Herb Nolan)

ECG's Kristine Keenney sent an email stating that the Solomon Foundation is interested in working with us and the SCBA stakeholders to organize a virtual workshop to learn more about the needs in the region and to increase coordination between all relevant stakeholders, including their foundation. (Last year, they (ECG) did a workshop for the towns of Salem, Peabody, Marblehead, and Swampscott in conjunction with MAPC and the Solomon Foundation that resulted in a joint feasibility study for Salem and Peabody and phase 1 of the Swampscott Rail Trail with funding support from the Solomon Foundation.) The Solomon Foundation has developed an effective public/private partnership model that emphasizes private support for upfront planning and design leading to public funding and implementation of key greenway and park projects.

3. SCBA member communities' updates (see below)
4. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study update -outreach –Jackie
 - a. Needs to finish by September 30th.
 - b. Be sure to include **Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust** – they featured the path in their Annual Report.
 - c. See email from Jackie today about first draft feedback
5. Response to letter sent to state and local officials – Sandy
Nothing new to report. Open rate is still 30%.
6. Accountant and audit status - Bob Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status
Postponed Topic until Bob Espindola is present.
7. Items not listed at time of agenda posting.
 - a. Feedback on SRPEDD poster/flyer images: Please add helmets! Bottom font too small. Great to distribute at Pedal for Path ride on Sunday.
8. Next meeting date **October 13, 2020**

SCBA member communities' updates

Dartmouth

1. Planning a meeting with SRPDD & DNRT
2. Seeking additional members for Pathways. Ideally an engineer.

Fairhaven (from Bob's email)

1. Last week we held our second monthly meeting. We have a new Chair, Lois Callahan, who was active with the committee on and off for years. Mat Coes remains on the committee and serves as the Vice Chair.
2. Town Planner, Paul Foley has been attending meetings and taking a very active role supporting the committee. He was able to hold CPA funds from a prior year that were

awarded to the FBC for signage and would normally have expired from non-use so that they can still be used this year.

3. The committee will be moving forward with adding signage on the bike path similar to what is on the Shining Tides bike path down the cape (The original concept started when Bill Roth was our Planner and he did a lot of biking down there because he had family from Falmouth).
4. The Committee decided to dedicate this year to two major initiatives, one being the Complete Streets process, which Paul Foley is leading already and the other is stepping back and looking at Safety in general. There were several good ideas that came out of the Safety Discussion.

1) Adding Signage at the "S" Turn just east of the Buzzards Bay Coalition sign for the Shaw Farm Trail New member James Anderson brought this up as a blind spot and sometimes bikes moving at a good clip cross with pedestrians right at the bend and it can be a bit dangerous. I have passed that spot many times and have thought about safety at times but never thought to recommend signage.

2) One of the flashing signal lights at Sconticut Neck Road, the one on the East side is on the wrong side of the path. It is on the South Side, meaning that someone on their bike has to actually cross the path to hit the button. The thought is that some people might not be using it just because of that arrangement and that more people would use it if it were on the north side of the path. There is very little infrastructure to speak of because the lights are solar powered and self contained, so all that Public Works would have to do is install another concrete base on the other side of the path, lift and reset the signal light assembly.

3) Signage or other solution at the various pipe bollards on the path where we have had collisions in the past. It has usually been when there is a group of riders and ones behind do not see them soon enough. Matt Coes said he has seen designs to help make the bollards safer.

4) This is not a new one but the group will weigh in on the \$800K Safe Routes to School Grant for safer crossing of Sconticut Neck and better access from the path to the Leroy L. Wood Elementary School. That project is due to start in 2021, as long as COVID-19 has not caused a setback.

Fall River (Sarah email)

Marion (Jeff)

1. Working on a spur (stone dust) ConCon to review. Anticipate construction winter/spring. Will connect residential neighborhoods to Marion Path.
2. Waiting to hear about Mattapoissett Industrial Park connection (Seth has info)
3. Moving slowly (2024 TIP)

4. Land acquisition especially time consuming.

Mattapoisett (Seth)

1. Town will match \$110,000 Mass Trails grant
2. Closing gap to Marion border
3. Need \$65,000 by end of year
4. Handout – budget, summary breakdowns.
5. SCBA can share Friends fundraiser
6. Seth still trying to film a pilot video

New Bedford (Paul)

- Need Tabatha for city update

Somerset

Swansea (Catherine)

1. BikeWorks wants to offer safety and repair service @ Y Open Air Market in October
2. ?? Non-profit status Suggested to engage MassBike, ask for Galen's help
3. Future support could come from local CPC funds or Swansea business

Wareham (Alan – had to leave early)

1. Bike path progress: \$200,000 CPC funding. Estimate @5 million for the 2 mile path
 - a. Difficult to get support. Pieces still missing. Sandy suggested Solomon Foundation (see above). Jackie may be able to assist.
2. Rte. 6 redo will help downtown Wareham leg.

Westport (Keith)

1. Blossom Rd. not in good condition – Yellow Hill has lots of potential
2. Excited about Rt 6 road diet
 - a. Looking for movement
 - b. Involving legislators made a difference
 - c. Now need Dartmouth on board.