

SCBA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:00 PM. Location: Virtual Meeting (email thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com for access)

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Labossiere, Bob Espindola, Seth Aser, Jackie Jones, Sandra Medeiros, Greg Barnes, Gail Rodrigues, Mary-Ellen Boyle, Alan Slavin

STANDING ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report (Balance checking accounts, Anticipated Receipts, Amounts owed)
 - a. SCB BALANCE: \$4019.10; SCENIC GREENWAY \$16,553.87
 - b. Still awaiting second round of invoices for feasibility study
 - c. Dartmouth sending check to SRPEDD
 - d. SCBA needs to send SCBA portion of bill
 - i. SRPEDD still working on edits to Feasibility Study part 1
 - ii. Will bill again soon
 - iii. They bill quarterly
 - iv. Want to extend SCBA contract piece through June, to do public outreach (paused due to COVID).
 - v. SRPEDD has a revised contract
 1. Took out reference to Phase 1 & 2
 2. New deadline
 - vi. Next step? Who needs to sign revision?
 - vii. Let's wait for New Bedford to review and weigh in (put on December meeting agenda)
 - e. SRPEDD got \$500 from Fidelity – "Annual Gift". Where to deposit it?
 - i. Need to send official thank you
 - ii. From Deborah Stein Sharpe. Supporter of ECG. Will be at the meeting with Solomon.
 - iii. Bob suggests to the main account (not Greenway).
 1. Agree. Need flexible spending when we can.
 - f. Uses for donation:
 - i. Could match Mattapoisett.
 - ii. Bob – we should consider reworking our bylaws. Can we hire the person who helped us write originally?
 - iii. power assist for the surrey bike Gail has in Westport
 - g. Bob - let's figure out what we need to spend \$\$ on, at a future meeting (put on agenda for future)
 - h. Need a planning meeting & process.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – October
 - a. Need to amend prior minutes to reflect Westport request
 - b. Add to Pedal for the Path: BB paid for police detail
 - c. Add to minutes: Bob only present part time
3. Awaiting approval for a quorum.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. SCBA Monthly meeting date - Doodle poll results?
 - a. Third Tuesday won by one vote. Tuesdays are more popular.
 - b. 6pm vs. 7pm tied.
 - c. Stick to second Tuesday @ 6, if it works for so many
 - d. Find another rep from towns that have conflicts on Tuesday night
2. [Solomon Foundation](#) Meeting (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.

Date: Monday, October 16

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Participants: SRPEDD, SCBA, ECG, Solomon Foundation, municipal and SCBA reps

3. SCBA Video status - most raw footage and audio to be submitted to Jackie by Tuesday, Nov. 10. Video to be completed by Thursday, Nov 12 for submission to ECG on Friday, Nov. 13.
4. Moving Together conference is virtual and free November 17-19. Registration is here: [Moving Together](#).

Pete Sutton wants people associated with the **video/project** to be “presenters” at the session.

DAY 3 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CONCURRENT SESSION #5: 9:15 am - 10:30 am Session 5E - VIRTUAL SITE VISIT:

Mattapoissett Rail Trail and South Coast Bikeway

The next section of MassDOT's signature South Coast Bikeway, is the Shining Tides mile of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail which broke ground in September 2019. When complete, this section will make a direct car-free route from Mattapoissett to Fairhaven, New Bedford and beyond. The South Coast Bikeway connects 10 urban and rural communities in southeastern Massachusetts.

Guide: Liz DiCarlo, Friends of the Mattapoissett Bike Path & Seth Asser, South Coast Bikeway Alliance

SOLOMON

Sandy: How will meeting progress? We each can speak and answer questions. Do we need a run through?

Jackie needs to coordinate videos.

Need a prep meeting: Friday?

All who plan to attend?

Remember to RSVP to Solomon/Kristine

Friday good – earlier the better.

5. [Moving Together](#) Concurrent Session 5 9:15 - 10:30 am November 19

Session 5D - Southeastern MA Regional Connectivity (PDI)

Learn about the growing active transportation network in the South Coast region of the state. An ongoing study on closing the gap between Fall River and New Bedford as part of the larger envisioned South Coast Bikeway, while the Blue Lane takes advantage of the city's coastal location with trail networks. The panel is rounded out by an overview of planned and recently completed MassDOT-led projects.

Panelists:

Jackie Jones, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

Pamela Haznar, PE, MassDOT District 5

Jennifer Carloni, City of New Bedford

6. Central New Hampshire Bicycle Coalition and in coordination with Mass Bike to pilot covered bicycle parking at select Market Basket locations. May 1 through October 31 of 2021.
 - a. NH reached out to us.
 - i. Can SCBA help publicize? Meet with interested participants on site.
 - ii. Is that a good location (Coggeshall St. NB)? Yes, near other paths, public transit, and a walkable neighborhood.
 - iii. Sandy suggested additional locations in the region.
 - iv. Great visibility potential.
 - b. Do we need official SCBA approval? Looks positive. No financial commitment, we can back off if we learn of any concerns.
 - c. Sandy will respond. Will connect with Galen at Mass Bike to double check.

- i. Motion to respond: SCBA is agreeable.
- ii. Gail seconded.
- iii. Approved.

7. The Penn State University Physical Activity and Public Health Laboratory is conducting a survey in order to understand some of details of how your organization operates and some of the strategies you use to encourage biking among diverse and underserved populations in your community (i.e. low-income, women, race/ethnic minorities, youth). Follow this link to the Survey: [Take the Survey](#) Shall we complete the survey? Who?

8. SCBA member communities' updates (see below)

Wareham	Mattapoissett	New Bedford	Westport	Somerset
Marion	Fairhaven	Dartmouth	Fall River	Swansea

9. Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study update -outreach -Jackie

- a. Getting close to having a new reformatted draft (Phase 1) with feedback
- b. SRPEDD has a new process for public outreach – Jackie will circulate.
 - i. First time ever on this project!
 - ii. Want input
 - iii. Starting public engagement and Phase 2 items
 - iv. Meeting for early December (with Scenic Greenway subcommittee). She will schedule.
- c. Re. Mass Trails, working though the contract process. Documents are good.
 - i. Pete Sutton is official liaison
 - ii. MassTrails wants him involved. Excellent!!
- d. Question re election outcomes and funding.
 - i. Better of two outcomes! “Cautiously optimistic”
 - 1. TIP is 5 year so not all that reactive.
 - 2. Looking for infrastructure bill
 - ii. Economic impact of COVID still uncertain.

10. Accountant and audit status - Bob Guidestar rating, Officers, Filing status

- a. No update yet
- b. Bob will reach out to Steve.
- c. Jackie will check on snail mail at SRPEDD office, and let Bob know

11. Items not listed at time of agenda posting.

- a. Jackie is taking over SRPEDD Complete Streets. Greg might be more involved in SCBA meetings.
- b. Will do outreach.

12. Matt Coes will help us redo the website. We can swap out this map for the old one. Need HTML code.
13. Next meeting date December 8, 2020

Fall River

- a. Bringing rail trail to the Westport line. Starting January. Paid for. Sarah will ask for trailside parking. Depends on funds.
- b. Meeting about reconfiguring of Rte.79. Have been working for 6 years. Now on it!
 - i. Adding a shared use path. Will connect to VA Memorial Bridge. Timeline uncertain.
 - ii. Per Jackie: combination of federal and state \$\$.
 - iii. Awaiting a more detailed drawing of intersections
- c. Quequechan phase 4 has come to light recently
 - i. Housing development being proposed so more attention to this part
 - ii. Construction \$\$ approved.
 - iii. Not in video.
 - iv. Maybe a MOU w/developer to guarantee space?
- d. In preparation for next Monday with the Solomon Foundation, included pictures of rough roads under consideration. Sarah has details.... Need signage.

Wareham

- Met w/Town Planner and CC to resolve issues on Minot Ave
- Alan doing a video with help from SCBA member (Seth).
 - These videos will help see the connections as well as the bike paths. (to Plymouth, Myles Standish, the Cape)
- Need a town Bike Path committee
- Sandy met someone who might be interested.
 - Alan said share email and phone number.

Mattapoisett

Seth is approved. Yay!

Remove "Getty Construction" from prior minutes (MEB to do)

April 2021 for Shining Tides. Abutters are still concerned. Lots of activity.

Friends offering \$\$ for phase 2.

Ongoing work with town.

Lots going on!!

Trying to get a video together for meeting with Solomon.

Q for Jackie: What's available on Dropbox for the meeting?

Jackie: Working on an interactive map. Have lots of photos of the route.
Need an intro and closing, logo.

Fairhaven

Matt Coes helping with video.

Working on Complete Streets. Focus is on signage and safety. Money is available.

Problem with bollards (fairly common across the country). Looking to stripe, and add visibility.

Dartmouth

- Still reconstituting Dartmouth Pathways Committee. New member local realtor and SCBA volunteer.
 - Need to schedule another recruitment meeting.
 - Will video help?
- Pathways is an advisory committee to Select Board. Can meet jointly with the Select Board if there is an issue or funding.
 - ?? Include in the Town Annual Report (as is the case in Fairhaven)
- Must define mission (in terms of focus on pathways). Easily overlooked.
- Dartmouth has one from the prior committee. Need to review and revise.
- Video w/Dartmouth Cable TV ready to go for meeting with Solomon Foundation—and more.
 - Potentially many uses, especially recruiting new Pathways members

Westport

- Gail making videos. Sought input from others on the local committee, but Gail took lead.
- Used newsletter
- Focusing on Complete Streets, also. Following up with the town planner. Need to nudge town. Heading for Tier Two.
 - Plan or policy? (from Jackie)
 - Not official.
 - Need town to commit
- Litter submitted to Skyler for pickup
- Schmid won the election, he's very bike friendly.
- Sharing the SRPEDD Plan for input

Talking to RI about border connections. Still needs attention.

Map will go to the eastern border (finishing for Monday).

Exciting!