



# South Coast Bikeway Committee

Meeting notes

July 10, 2013

**Attendees:** Bob Espindola – Fairhaven, Gail Roderigues- Westport, Eileen Allgor – Wareham, Jen Gonet – SRPEDD, Nancy Bonell – Voices, Julie Kelly – Mass in Motion Fall River, Kim Ferriera – Mass in Motion New Bedford, Alan Heureux–Dartmouth, Brian Pearson – Fall River, Mark Ferreira – New Bedford

1. **Letter from Pauline Hamel.** Bob read a letter from Pauline Hamel stating that she will be stepping down from her Mass in Motion position and therefore stepping down from her role with the SC Bikeway. However, she would like to remain in the mailing list for updates.
2. **Approval of meeting notes for June 2013 meeting .** Notes from the June 13 meeting were approved and accepted into the record

### 3. Community Updates

- **New Bedford**

The City will be working on stripping McArthur Blvd from Union St South to East Rodney French Blvd. This will allow for connection from Fairhaven to the South end of NB. Also, Tony Ionno will now be the representative from New Bedford and Mark Ferreira as the alternate. A motion was made by Eileen and seconded by Gail to approve the new members. The motion was unanimously approved. Lastly, New Bedford will be hosting a Bike Rodeo on September 14<sup>th</sup> – more details to come.

- **Fall River**

There will be bike lanes stripped & sharrows placed along Northeast Ave. This will be called part of the “Scholarship City Bike Route”. From the Bridge to the Westport Line will be the official interim SC Bikeway pending approval from Fall River’s City council. Fall River continues to promote to their weekly rides.

- **Wareham**

Wareham bike committee met with Carver and AD Makepeace to discuss the connecting road from Wareham to Carver. Stay tuned for further updates.

- **Westport**

Gail was in the process of organizing a ride for July 21<sup>st</sup> and planning to collaborate with Renee Dufour, who offered LaFrance as the starting/finishing of the ride. This ride has to be approved by the selectman so date has now been postponed. Gail plans to get on the Westport Recreation Committee agenda and hopefully plan a ride on a Sunday in August pending approval from the selectman. Mark informed the group that the Narragansett Bay Wheelman will be doing a ride on July 21<sup>st</sup> and leaving from the Westport Middle School. It was suggested to observe the ride for ideas/organization.

- **Dartmouth**

Alan previously sent an email to the group (7/3) about updates, including a recent application for Community Preservation Funds for bike racks and a recreational map. The bike racks are likely to be covered under the grant but not the map. This map will be 6-fold and highlight 5 routes. Dartmouth has plans to work more closely with UMass Dartmouth to



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develop a recreational bike loop around their campus and provide signage and markings.

- **Fairhaven**

Ken has been working on SRTS initiatives with the PTOs – the Superintendent and schools are very supportive of this. The committee hopes to do a ride to school in Sept with town officials, etc. Also, the committee will be setting up a meeting with the Board of Public Works to discuss the \$10,000 grant received to do stripping and safety along Sconichineck Crossing. Lastly, the committee has schedule weekly Thurs night rides at 6pm along the bike path. Maps of the bike path will be printed and but online and around the town.

#### 4. Sub Committee Updates and Proposed Sub Committees

- **Out reach Committee:** the committee met to discuss the ORCTV program and a possible taping in August. Several ideas were discussed including: community updates on recent progress, events, etc., providing actual footage of the progress made in the various communities, doing a series of shows to capture and highlight community progress. Brian agreed that there needs to be a concrete plan. Julie suggested that each town have a “story board” with slides, photos. Alan mentioned the possibility of utilizing summer interns at the station. Jeff Oakes (via email) is very interested in getting involved with the show to help generate interest and support in Marion. The committee decided more time was needed to plan and agreed on a tentative date of Thurs, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss with Don Cuddy at ORCTV.

Action: Kim will contact Don about Sept 19<sup>th</sup> date.

- **Proposed Sub Committees**

Prior to the meeting, everyone had a chance to fill out the sub-committee sign-up sheet and form was passed around to discuss. Because of limited interest or lack of potential immediate projects, in the groups *Railway*, *East Coast Greenway*, and *Fundraising* were areas that the committee would table until a late time. The committee decided to focus on *Events*, *Outreach*, *Non-Profit* and *Bike Friendly Communities*. The list will be updated and sent out for another round for next meeting. SRPEDD is available to assist when needed but unable to sign-up with a specific group.

Action: With the new condensed list, everyone will fill out their top 1-2 interests before the August meeting.

#### 5. By-laws

The by-laws were reviewed by Nancy and Kim and passed along to the committee prior to the meeting. There was a question about whether Carver should be included in the committee. After some discussion, it was decided that the committee should wait until there is a request from Carver to join. There was a lengthy discussion about the need for a Board of Directors and Steering Committee along with responsibilities and voting privileges for each. There was also discussion about the Mission Statement and whether it was too broad. Issues of membership and voting privileges were also a topic of discussion. A motion was made by Eileen and seconded by Julie to change the committee name to “South Coast Bikeway Alliance”. The motion was unanimously approved. Because of time constraints, Bob mentioned that these are too important to rush and suggested everyone write or send comments about those areas



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and we will re-visit the by-laws next month – everyone agreed. Eileen suggested making a summary of the by-laws for comments.

Action: Everyone will review the by-laws and make/send comments prior to August's meeting.

### 6. Upcoming Events:

Mattapoisett Harbor Days is July 20<sup>th</sup> however no one had details.

Action: Kim will contact Bonne for details and send to the group.

Westport will be working on another ride date – TBD.

### 7. Other Business

Bob spoke to Claudia about ideas for use of the United Way funds and anything that was mentioned in the application is approved for funding. Bob proposed two ways to spend the money. (1) have every town submit a proposal on what they want to use the money for and the committee would vote on the best ideas and the top 4 communities would receive \$250. (2) Order a bulk supply of t-shirts, water bottles, etc for communities to use for their events. The SC Bikeway logo would be place on any promotional item. A motion was made and seconded by Eileen to support idea #2. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action: Everyone will think of ideas of promotional items with costs and present at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.