



# South Coast Bikeway Alliance

## Meeting Notes

August 14, 2013

Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 104

6pm

Attendees: Bob Espindola, Fairhaven; Jackie Schmidt, SRPEDD; Kim Ferreira, NB-MIM; Gail Roderigues, Westport & Voices; Susan Jennings, UMD; Tony Ionno, New Bedford

Guests, New Members: Sarah Clermont, NB-MIM; Ari Gold, Westport; Michael Smith, New Bedford  
Standard Times

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and approved to correct the meeting notes by revising the dates on page 2 and 3 to July 10, 2013. Subsequently a motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as corrected.

2. Community Updates

An email with a full accounting of community updates as submitted to the Secretary was issued prior to the meeting. It was noted that this format is a defacto newsletter. If it were to become a newsletter that is distributed to the entire membership (Jackie's comprehensive email list). Bob Espindola suggested that if it becomes a newsletter the format be improved and standardized and photos etc be included. No Action Taken.

3. Sub Committee Updates

Out reach Committee will be taping a public service video at Old Rochester Cable TV on September 19th. The intent is to present information similar to the information presented to the Editorial Board of the Standard Times earlier this spring with the inclusion of photographs or video clips from previous events. Each community is encouraged to provide a 3 minute video or script and video, for inclusion in the presentation. Kim Ferreira has invited all Steering Committee members to download a Drop Box application for the purpose of transmitting videos.

4. By-laws

It was determined that due to 1) the absence of several Steering Committee members and 2) the unfamiliarity of new Steering Committee members with the BYLAWS document, the vote to approve or amend the by-laws will occur at the September meeting. Discussion Items were as follows:

- Mission: Members attending approved of the mission statement described in the Activities and purpose statement, rather than reverting to the earlier more focused mission "to complete the bikeway" This is because of the realities of short term, intermediate term and long term infrastructure planning.
- Executive Committee, Steering Committee Board of Directors: Bonne will draft an amended version of the bylaws that addresses that combines Steering Committee and Board of Directors into a single committee. This approach will require amending the voting section so that Community Partners only will vote on Route implementation issues and distribution of large amounts of money.



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- Membership: Currently the bylaws promote a very open policy towards membership: all one has to do is sign up for an email. The goal is to keep it simple. However, it was noted that voting privileges at the annual meeting should be contingent on members having attended a small number of events or meetings or to be otherwise involved.
  - Committee Members should a)review the bylaws prior to the next meeting. Come prepared with a list of the actual sections they want to discuss/amend. Discussion will only be about those items, as it will be assumed that everything else is satisfactory. The intent is to conclude this business and address other issues by amendment in the future. There are provisions for amending the bylaws in the document.
5. Sub Committees
- There were few members who signed up for the new sub-committee matrix. formation of Committees was postponed to a future meeting.
  - Tony Ionno is the Director of new Bedford Recreation Department, he would like to head up the events Committee.
  - Bonne DeSousa described the Bike Friendly Communities Program of the LAB. She wants to be on that Committee. People wondered, since the program is largely conducted with in each community, whether a sub committee would be needed.
6. Upcoming events
- New Bedford Pedal Party – September 21<sup>st</sup> this is open to the entire region.
  - Westport: the Westport bike ride will be postponed until September or later
7. Other
- Bob Espindola and Bonne DeSousa had met earlier in the day with Susan Jennings and Jamie Jaquart to discuss ways for SCBA and UMD to work more closely together. Susan and Jamie will find some dates for brown bag lunch presentations at UMD. Jamie described several of the significant improvements completed or in the planning at UMD. Jamie will investigate the Bike Friendly Universities program in more depth. Susan would like to see some kind of a summit occur at UMD.
  - Sarah Clermont, a proposed new member of the New Bedford Mass-in-Motion team was introduced.
  - Ari Gold, a proposed new member for Westport was introduced. Ari has a strong background in bicycling, has bicycled internationally and is willing to use his expertise to help where needed.
8. Adjournment
- There was no other business discussed. A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting.