



South Coast Bikeway Committee Meeting Notes

December 12, 2012 – Panera Bread, Dartmouth Mall

Attendees: Bob Espindola, Fairhaven - Adam Recchia, SRPEDD - Julie Kelly, Mass in Motion Fall River – Darrin Ramos, New Bedford – Gail Roderigues, Westport/Voices – Alan Heureux, Dartmouth – Kim Ferreira, New Bedford Mass in Motion – Eileen Allgor, Wareham – Ken Pottel, Fairhaven

Agenda items:

1. **Minutes from November 2012 meeting-A motion was made to approve the meeting notes for the November meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.**
2. **Review of Signage Order & Locations**-Julie and Gail outlined minor changes to our signs, including thickening the border and moving the “up” arrow so it is not over the screw hole. Alan suggested eliminating the border entirely and the group agreed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - a. **Westport Police Bill**-Gail discussed the bill from the Westport Police Department for our summer bike ride for \$182.00. It was suggested that we just pay for it out of the NBW funds, but it was ultimately decided that we would not and Alan would talk to the police department about forgiving the payment.
 - b. **Remainder of NBW Funds**-the group has spent \$1,000 of the \$3,500 NBW grant, the remainder of which needs to be spent this year. A discussion of how to spend the remainder of the money ensued, with the idea of the legislative breakfast too uncertain at this point to dedicate money to. Ideas discussed included doubling our sign order (with arrow-less signs and stick-on arrows instead for more versatility), making two South Coast Bikeway banners, making South Coast Bikeway decals and ordering more South Coast Bikeway t-shirts. After much discussion, the following plan was agreed upon:

i.	40 South Coast Bikeway signs :	\$750.00
ii.	2 South Coast Bikeway banners:	\$500.00
iii.	150 South Coast Bikeway t-shirts:	\$750.00
iv.	X South Coast Bikeway decals:	\$200.00
v.	Set aside for 2013 Summit:	<u>\$300.00</u>
vi.	Total:	\$2,500.00
 - c. **Future Grant Applications**-the group discussed other grant opportunities available. Julie mentioned that Bikes Belong does small grants and that perhaps the group could apply at some point. Ken mentioned that CPC now allows for recreational facilities, meaning that towns with CPC can use that funding for bike projects. The group will discuss funding in more detail at our next meeting.
4. **Legislative breakfast and meeting with New Bedford Standard Times**-the idea for a legislative breakfast may be unfeasible at this point, as it is expensive and often difficult to get legislators to commit to it. Kim mentioned that UMass wants to have a summit in 2013, and perhaps this is something we could



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collaborate with them on instead. Costs for speakers were discussed, and \$300 was set aside from the NBW funds for this purpose.

Ken discussed the meeting with the editorial board of the New Bedford Standard Times on January 11th. He mentioned three things to bring up: the “rail with trail” issue and MassDOT no longer allowing them; the Route 6 New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge bike connection issue; and the next phase of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail. The Mattapoissett Rail Trail does have TIP funding for 2016, however, so this may not be an issue. A few group members will be meeting this coming Saturday to discuss what to say at the meeting.

5. **Subcommittee on public outreach**-the group discussed the need for more volunteers to perform outreach tasks. It was suggested that at our next event we have something on the sign-in sheet where people can check off if they would like to volunteer to help with outreach. It was also suggested that when individual towns have events, they notify Adam so he can send event notices out to the larger email list compiled from all of our past events. People can also have Adam put events onto the South Coast Bikeway website calendar at anytime.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.