

Scituate Bicycle Committee – Minutes – October 23, 2023

Meeting opened by Nancy Werner at 7:02 PM.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Nancy Werner

John Belber

Sara Das

Maura Tighe

Michael Bowler

Jeff Helm

Absent:

Dan Harrigan

Liaisons:

Karen Canfield (SB)

Sheila McCourt (Rec)

Susan Gallaher (SHCC)

Patrick Niebauer (PB)

Introductions of attendees was completed. Minutes of the September 18th meeting received unanimous approval.

Routes Update:

Guest Speaker David Loutzenheiser, Senior Transportation Planner, MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council) provided a review of capabilities of MAPC providing the committee with examples of current South Shore projects and MAPC map products. David had spent significant time in town providing input about 'street psychology' showing photos documenting safe rider/road striping techniques. Less is more when it comes to vehicle/biker/walker safety. (Double yellow line with fog lines creates corridors that cars tend to go faster on) Urged close work with DPW on striping plans. Sooner is better. David shared thoughts on running a successful town bicycle committee. Persistence is key. Remember the e-biker.

He also showed how to use Mass Interactive Property Map which has mapping with public info allowing access to connecting parcels to design and develop rides throughout town.

<https://massgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?appid=47689963e7bb4007961676ad9fc56ae9>

Current 3A projects underway - water treatment now, Beechwood to Henry Bailey -

Follow up needed -

1. District 5 in MAPC program contact district coordinator to see what plans, what can be done about bike lane/ pedestrian mobility in these and future projects.
2. Route Design in stages

Committee Member Reports:

Safe Routes to School – Mike Bowler gave update meeting with Colleen Pekar and Nicole Brandolini, School Committee Chair, nbrandolini@scit.org - current concerns - crossing on 3A needs better visibility - (Signs and Lines Fund from SRTS?) She is requesting Alliance Partner completion for HS and Middle with Safe Routes with Supt. All 4 elementary schools are already partners. Karen Canfield referred our request to the Town and Nancy Holt completed the Bike Committee's Alliance partner form request for the Bike Committee. Any org can be partner. Funding: 10K for signs and lines;

Follow up needed: Nicole Brandolini - Status of partner, point person in schools for our partners, involvement of HS students (community service, t shirt design, environmental study)

Bike Racks – Beach commission has submitted a CPC request for racks at Peggotty, Minot, Sand Hills and Egypt

Nancy is working through N Scituate, Harbor, Lighthouse and Pier 44 bike rack placement with committees, DPW

Follow up needed: Finalize locations, confirm costs, funding - Nancy

Town has 2 bike repair stations, no air pumps - Committee will recommend Harbor and North Scituate Village for locations to Rec.

Bike Education/ Repair:

Follow up needed - committee agreed we need to locate and identify repair, retail bike operations that would be interested in vending at events, and as resource for Website. Owners?

Bike Education - find links to update website, coordinate with Safe to School work.

Cultural – Recreation:

Nancy updated with Rec's interest in Slow roll in late April, early May - need to meet again and with DPW, Police, and Rec for further planning. (Nancy Nov, Dec)

Rec is looking for bike committee members to assist.

Rec is thinking about 200 - 250 registration, \$5 fee. Sheila McCourt further discussed.

Jon Belber to assist in prep for successful Slow roll.

Senior Center: Contact made with Jess Souke, Activities coordinator for any interest in Demo day with E Bikes; planned bike rides through rec. She was receptive, Nancy to follow up in Jan and she will post an interest survey in Feb newsletter.

Funding - Mass Trail and Rail - committee member to coordinate funding timing, application process.

SRTS: Signs and lines (within ½ mi) 10K annually (2023 - 2024 closed in Sept)

Infrastructure design and build - up to 1 mill (2023 - 2024 closes Nov 18th) ;

Follow up needed: Dive in to prior funding approvals - SRTS

Keeper of funding information, process and deadlines

(CPC, TIP, SRTS) Complete Streets for starters

Traffic Rules and Regs – Committee will approach SPD for accident data and current rules to share.

Next meeting set for 11-13-23 at 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM at the Town Library.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 PM