

Scituate Bike Committee meeting Minutes: April 9, 2024

In Attendance: Maura Tighe, Jon Belber, Mike Bowler, Sarah Das, Susan Sampson, Sue Gallagher, Dan Hannigan Nick Lombardo

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Maura
2. **Slo-Roll review** of plan with Nick from Scituate Rec
 - a. Arrival time is 9am or before.
 - b. Please bring extra tables. Mike will bring 2, Dan 2, Jon 2
 - c. Food trucks: Dingy confirmed. Nona's not yet. They normally do not start until May 1st. Jon will follow up.
 - i. Maybe kids can get a coupon for a free kiddie cone if they can't come? d. The Rec Department will call if it is rain- canceled. They will call Nancy who will alert bike committee volunteers. Nick will reach out for Nancy's cell phone e. Need Handheld Bike Pumps (maura has one for registration).
 - f. Rec Department Repair stations do not have pumps yet and need to be installed by DPW. Need to reach out to the Head of DPW to schedule. Need \$ (2000/pump) Sara Das will look for a possible grant to write for that.
 - g. Rolling wave will bring 4 bike racks to Peggotty
 - h. Drew a map setup at Peggoty with Nick.
 - i. All agree we have enough tables and activities.
 - j. Confirmed Holly Hill Table, Bike Shop from Hull, North and South River and Compost.
 - k. Do not forget to send the CORI form to Nick before the event. It was attached in the March 4th email from Nancy
 - l. **Liz Murphy artist who wants to have a table- All agree yes**, but cannot sell her art. Can give out business cards. This is not an event to sell like a market. m. Nick will hold a zoom call to finalize the week of the event. He has a REc Commision meeting he will invite the Bike Committee to, to have one more meeting. Will give zoom info to Nancy.
3. **Meeting Minutes from March approved**
4. **Safe Passage sign Feedback to Tobey (SPD)** : Would like to suggest the signs go on the roads that have higher speed limits and no bike lanes (Country Way, First Parish, Beaver Dam, Gannet, etc) as well as the ones he suggested, Bike Committee feels they are most helpful when cars are used to going 35 + miles on a road.
5. **Senior Center Group rides**: Discussion about whether a member is guiding the rides or they are self-sustained. Need more details. Sue Gallagher said she did one once and many did not want to go on streets with cars. She knows of one route to Cohasset that ends at French Memories.
6. **Rent-A-Bike discussion** about where to have bike rentals in town. All agree the Inn at Scituate harbor is the best bet. Guests can have access to the beach without needing a car pass. Jon would follow up with this idea
7. **May 17th Bike - to - Work day**. Not many committee members were available that day

to do anything. Maura suggested a small effort the day before, to encourage people to remember that TOMORROW is bike to work day? Flyers on the train? Or at the driftway. Capacity and time of members is an issue for this effort.

8. **MEMO to POLICE** about Accident reports: Sue Gallagher did a deep dive into accident reports in Scituate to find out how many involved a bicyclist. She found out there is no check box on accident reports to acknowledge that it was a car, pedestrian, bike or any combination. She suggests we write a letter IMMEDIATELY to the Chief of Police and request that they amend the accident form to include a check box for bicycle accidents. She was told they are in the process of amending the form now, so the timing is important. She is leaving town and won't be back until June. This was not officially delegated to anyone.

- a. She also recited some data from her review of reports that suggest the majority of the accidents involve middle aged people (both in cars and on bikes) and that bikes are more often cited as being the cause of the accident, rather than cars.

9. Questions:

- a. Did CPC funding pass at town meeting? No one had info
 - b. When will we know about the bike rack grant- said April.

10. Next meeting is set for May 13th, 6:30-8. No location set yet

11. Motion to adjourn was seconded and all in favor. 8pm