

Bicycle Committee Minutes September 25, 2013

Meeting called to order 1:05pm

Present: Roger Chauvette, Mike Peregou, Jeff Epstein, Bill Meadows

Absent: Donna Szeker

Staff: David Gardner, Asst Town Mgr

No public comments.

Bill presented documentation for reimbursements through the VSB Bicycle Rack Share Grant for Strength and Clarity Pilates Studio and for Joe Coffee and Café.

Motion to approve reimbursement for Strength and Clarity Pilates Studio in the amount of \$173.75 approved 3-0-1 (Bill Meadows abstained)

Motion to approve reimbursement for Joe Coffee and Café in the amount of \$347.50 approved 3-0-1 (Bill Meadows abstained)

David Gardner:

Was asked about hanging the banners purchased by the Bicycle Committee. Must apply for a free license through Aaron in licensing dept. Building owners must give permission to hang signs on their buildings. David still has one banner in his office and the other one is in front of the police station. After getting license ask DPW to hang banner.

Mike Peregou cited green signs in Wellfleet which basically say Wellfleet has narrow streets, lots of bikes and pedestrians. Please use caution. Mike will take a picture of the sign to share. Committee wondered whether we could put some permanent signs on Rt 6 or Conwell Street which say similar message.

When asked about the status of the bike racks at Provincetown Inn, the bike lanes connecting Bradford Street Ext, and the restriping of Shank Painter Rd the committee members were directed to talk to Rich Waldo. Roger will invite Rich to attend the next meeting or Mike will approach Rich and ask him about those three issues.

A special parking hearing will be held on October 28 to hear the findings and recommendations of the Parking Task Force. Removal of many parking spaces on Commercial Street is part of the proposal. This could affect the possibility of bike lanes or more effective share the road possibilities on Commercial Street. It could also work against the work to move some bicycle traffic to Bradford Street.

The problem of cost effective parking for people who work in Provincetown but live in other towns on the cape was discussed. Currently the fee for a non-

resident is \$250, which is cost prohibitive. The possibility of a lower cost parking permit was discussed for these workers.

David had no further information on the Beech Forest/MacMillan Wharf bike path connection. Now that Daniel Alexander has left working for the National Seashore and Clay is no longer with the Cape Cod Commission the information and communication has stopped.

Mike Peregon talked about the need for better painted lines in Provincetown. The lines do not seem to last long. He also thought that fog lines should be on all roads. Route 6A has good painted lines in Truro which disappear at the Provincetown line. Bicyclists and motorists can be blinded by oncoming headlights and the lack of adequate fog lines makes it more likely to run off the side of the road... another topic for Rich Waldo.

Candace Nagle thought that the Bicycle Committee should team up with the Affordable Housing Commission. Owning a bicycle instead of a car makes it more affordable to live in Provincetown.

Candace also said we should work at education town residents of the increased tourism to be gained from people geared to bicycling vacations.

Roger shared an outline of his proposed working charette. The committee discussed the topics and made some changes. The charette will take place in the spring, probably in May. More planning will take place between now and then.

Next meeting is October 16. Roger to ask Officer Lopes to attend as well as Rich Waldo.

Minutes for July 17 approved 4-0-0

Motion to adjourn. 4-0-0 2:32pm

Respectfully submitted, Bill Meadows