

Meeting called to order: 1:30 pm Judge Walsh Mtg Room

Members present: Roger Chauvette, Mike Peregón, Jeff Epstein, Bill Meadows

Staff present: David Gardner, asst town mgr

Guests present: Chris Johnson

Public Statements: Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson was invited by the committee to not only make statements but to interact with the committee. His main points were:

- He thought there was a lack of distribution of bicycle safety brochures.
- There should be more emphasis on education.
- The requirements for quotas was a “deal with the devil.”
- Stopping people for going the wrong way on one way side streets was a bad idea.
- Issuing citations to bicyclists was not the way to get them to follow laws.
- The bicycle safety “problem” was not that bad.

Mike Peregón told a story of how he almost hit a speeding road biker at the four-way stop at Howland and Bradford Streets when the biker ran the stop sign without even slowing down.

Roger Chauvette cited the increased number of bicycles on the street in Provincetown and the increased number of accidents and safety issues. Mr. Johnson debated the increase in bicycle numbers and statistics.

Bill Meadows thought that enforcement and citations are a necessary part of getting people’s attention once education alone doesn’t reach the desired goal.

Committee members in general wondered if the concerns were overblown, but said they would look into better distribution of the safety brochures and to keep looking for ways of better education.

They also wanted to wait for the report from Officer Lopes to see the actual results from the enforcement grant.

The committee thanked Chris Johnson for his input.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Bill Meadows