

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MASSBIKE EVALUATION
Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 3:00 pm
Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room
Walkthrough of Old Colony Nature Trail held on-site**

Members Present: Roger Chauvette (Chair), Rik Ahlberg, Max Cliggot-Perlt, David Moorman, Jeff Epstein, Will Erlandson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Eric Larsen, DPW; Austin Brandt, Conservation Agent

Guests: Tom Donegan, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Barbara Jacobson, MassBike; Molly Henry, East Coast Greenway; Liz Oakley, East Coast Greenway

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Roger Chauvette at 3:05 PM.

2. Introductions

Barbara Jacobson from MassBike introduced herself and Molly Henry and Liz Oakley from East Coast Greenway.

Ms. Jacobson discussed the objectives of evaluating the Old Colony Nature Trail, developing the town's bike network, looking at intersections to see where they can be calmed to improve human-scale transportation options and where Complete Street methodology could be applied to the streets. Thinking about biking as a way to generate economic activity for town considering all of the transit options to get to Boston – the ferry to Boston and bringing a bike is a great incentive to encourage people to come to Provincetown as a very bike-friendly place but making sure the infrastructure matches that perception.

Ms. Henry from East Coast Greenway: New England coordinator for ECG, covers Greenwich, CT to Calais, ME; recently launched a complementary route (spur) from Providence, RI to Provincetown and then to Boston via ferry. Launched as a tour last year (the Yankee Roundabout) it was a huge hit and there is more and more interest. The guide is starting a new touring company using the ECG for navigation. We are often tweaking the route with Route 6 from Wellfleet to Provincetown to make that connection. Invested in making the connection with the rail trail and looking at the options for town, which is why we're here today.

Ms. Oakley is a rising senior at Brown University and is an intern with ECG. She is doing an independent concentration in special studies, which is urban studies and the experience of people with urban spaces.

Roger: So the ECG is a bike trail that goes all the way from Key West to the Canadian border.

Ms. Henry: We are 30% complete and our vision is to be completely separated from motor vehicle traffic. The Cape Cod Rail Trail is a perfect example of that. We just designated that segment a month ago. It's our first piece of complementary routes that has been designated.

Roger described the Outer Cape Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan process that is underway to identify how to create a bicycle trail from Wellfleet to MacMillan Pier.

All attendees introduced themselves.

The group departed to meet the bus in front of Town Hall to drive to Mayflowre Ave. for the walkthrough of the Old Colony Nature Trail from Mayflower Ave. to Howland St.

3. Next meetings

June 8 (Monday) – WorldFest from 12-5 PM at the UU Meeting House

June 10 – 3 PM

June 24 – 3 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rik Ahlberg