

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 3:00 pm
Meeting held in Caucus Hall at Town Hall**

Members Present: Roger Chauvette (Chair), Rik Ahlberg, Will Erlandson

Members Absent: David Moorman, Max Cliggott-Perlt, Jeff Epstein

Town Staff Present: Officer Kevan Spoor, Provincetown Police Department

Public Present: Peter Brown, Provincetown Banner

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Roger Chauvette at 3:01 PM.

2. Public Statements

None.

3. Review Minutes

No minutes to review.

4. Program Outline for Bikeability Committee Report

Discussed Roger's outline for a comprehensive town-wide bicycle improvement plan.

Discussed opportunities for improving communication to visitors of the Commercial St. two-way bicycle traffic. Suggestions included two-way sharrows painted on the street, signage in the opposite flow of traffic to alert pedestrians, and banners over the street.

Rik summarized his research on the use of speed control devices for bicycles. Speed control devices like speed humps are generally used to slow vehicles down to 20 MPH, which is faster than the existing speed limit on Commercial St. downtown (15 MPH). Speed bumps can be a tripping hazard to pedestrians and other road users, and can often be easily avoided by riding around them (he gave the example of the speed bumps on MacMillan Pier and at the Herring Cover parking lot).

5. Strategies for processing all the input for the Traffic Report

Roger presented data he has collected this summer at Far Land (corner of Bradford St. and Conwell St.) and Joe Coffee (170 Commercial St.).

Peter Brown clarified that the BlueToad (<http://trafficcast.com/products/view/blue-toad/>) technology being used for the Cape Cod Commission study will track cell phone signals around town to capture circulation patterns. Rik commented that the BlueToad TrafficCast data analysis software appears able to distinguish between different types of road users so they will be able to differentiate between pedestrians walking down the street with a cell phone and people in cars.

6. Bikes & trees

Town has installed small "No bikes" signs on the trees in front of Town Hall to discourage bike parking there.

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Discussed the process for tagging bikes locked to trees. Officer Spoor asked that all request for tagging be routed through the Police Department so they can follow the process outlined in the town bylaw so they can coordinate with DPW for bike removal and make sure that it is followed appropriately.

7. Bike racks update

Roger reported that he spoke with the owner of Far Land and they are interested in replacing the bike rack in front of their store to discourage car parking and make more bike parking available. Rik volunteered to do a site survey to make suggestions on bike parking options.

Discussed other bike rack grant locations; no new applications for grants have been submitted.

8. Bike education & enforcement

Roger discussed the recent bike education by the police departments in Yarmouth and Orleans where they gave out bike lights and information rather than doing enforcement.

Rik suggested distributing the remaining bike lights by targeting night bike riders at the clubs and the J-1 visa students through their employers. Will volunteered to help distribute lights to employers who are interested in giving them out to their employees. Roger suggested putting a sticker on the bike lights indicating where they came from and with some safety information.

Rik suggested that the next version of the bike map brochure should include some information on the bike parking regulations.

9. New business

Roger discussed a request from the Beautification Committee for assistance in removing the information trailer/kiosk at the bus stop on Ryder St. The question of whether it is being used by the Disability Commission came up. More information is needed on who owns it and what its purpose is. Roger volunteered to reach out the chair of the Disability Commission for clarification.

Roger reported that Jim Farley at Far Land suggested that the stop sign on Conwell St. be moved back from the intersection to encourage cars to stop before the painted crosswalk rather than on it.

Brief discussion of the Seashore's "Bicycle Safety in the Seashore" event coming up on July 31 from 10am – 1 pm at the Province Lands Visitor Center. Rik has posted an event with a link to the Seashore's press release on the Bike Provincetown Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/bikeprovincetown>). Officer Spoor expressed interest in participating if he is available.

Rik suggested we reach out to the organized charity rides to get their input into planning bike improvements. Will suggested talking to the Wounded Warriors ride if it is happening again this year.

10. Closing committee member statements

Rik asked that Brandon Quesnell (chair of the Planning Board) be added to the next committee agenda so he can discuss the Provincetown 365 bike parking plan and the draft of an updated site plan review bylaw that would consider bicycle parking in commercial developments.

11. Adjourn

Roger moved to adjourn at 4:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rik Ahlberg