

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 3:00 pm
Meeting held in Caucus Hall at Town Hall**

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

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

Town Staff Present: Gloria MacPherson, Town Planner; David Gardner, Acting Town Manager;
Kevan Spoor, Provincetown Police Department

Guests: Kelly Harper, Cape Cod Commission

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Roger Chauvette at 3:11 PM.

2. Public Statements

Rik read a letter from Frank Belistri (see attached) of 141 Race Point Rd. asking that sharrows and additional signage be put on Conwell St. from Bradford to Cemetery Rd. to make alert people in cars that bicycles can use the full lane.

3. Review Minutes

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015 as printed. Will seconded. Motion carried 3-0-0.

4. Dialog with Gloria MacPherson on the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee and Provincetown 365 Parking & Transit Work Group

Ms. MacPherson described the upcoming Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) process and requested that a member of the Bicycle Committee volunteer to be appointed to the LCP committee. Roger suggested making a separate bicycle chapter for the LCP so we can respond to the growth in bicycling; suggested a bike action plan from the committee to put into the LCP once we've processed the incoming data from the traffic study and can make suggestions.

Ms. MacPherson described the bike rack survey done by Provincetown 365's Parking & Transit Work Group. They surveyed Commercial St. from Dyer to Atlantic looking for places for bike racks. Suggested that bike parking be consolidated and that some larger bike parking might be better than spacing them around, e.g., Lopes Sq next to the Chamber of Commerce office, on the Town Landings -- Kelly Harper from Cape Cod Commission has grant funding for permanent installed bike racks (may join us at 4 pm). Also discussed using seasonal "no car parking" spaces for bikes during the summer.

Ms. MacPherson requested that P365 be put on the agenda for the next meeting so we can workshop their map of suggested bike parking locations.

Discussion of speed humps/speed bumps for Commercial St. Two pedestrians were hit by bicycles on Commercial St. and went to the hospital. Rik volunteered to investigate speed humps.

5. Discussion of MassBike/East Coast Greenway Report

Tabled to future meeting.

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6. Where to go with Martha Hevenor's Cape Cod Commission Report

Tabled to future meeting.

7. Bike signs for trees

David Gardner said he ordered signs for the trees and it only cost \$60.

Rik showed a mockup of a possible bike parking sign based on signs from Portland, OR and national standards (MUTCD). Discussed that these would be useful where there is lots of bike parking (such as Town Hall), but not where there is just one bike rack.

8. Bike racks update

Discussed status of grant application and possible locations for new bike racks.

9. Education

The bike brochure is being distributed around town and has been delivered to all of the bike shops.

Discussed using the Fire House next to Town Hall for education days if it is available.

Discussed the next version of the brochure and what new information it should contain.

10. New Business

Kali Harper from the Cape Cod Commission discussed that \$50,000 in funding will be available from the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) for permanent bike racks. The application process will open in October. Discussed working with P365 to put together a list of the top bike rack locations and be ready to submit an application this fall.

11. Next meetings

Next meetings will be on July 22 and August 5.

12. Closing committee member statements

None.

13. Adjourn

Will moved to adjourn at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rik Ahlberg

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Date: June 14, 2015

Rik Ahlberg
Member, Provincetown Bicycle Committee.

Dear Rik:

As you and I have discussed, I would like to propose that bicycle street markings be implemented in Provincetown. These painted road signs are used all over the United States, Canada, and around the world already.

It seems many people are unfamiliar with the rules that exist about how bicyclists and drivers can use the same roads safely and harmoniously. We have an opportunity here to educate the public about this. Providing the necessary education can be a challenge however because of the transient nature of our tourist population. I believe using these road signs addressed this issue by providing on-the-spot education to the current users of the road.

Conwell Street is one example where this would be helpful. Coming from Route 6 to Bradford Street the road narrows so significantly that there isn't room for two cars moving in opposite directions *and* a bicycle going in one direction beside them safely. Worse – and I've seen it – is a series of bicycles on each side going in opposite directions. What I have seen (and experienced) is that bicyclists try to squeeze to the right side of traffic – or worse *get* squeezed by the traffic to the side of the road. The bicycle logo painted in the middle of the lane lets both drivers *and* bicyclists know that where there is no room for both bicyclists and car traffic to move safely on a road, that the bicyclist can “take the lane”.

It would be interesting to see if any research has been done on the traditional sign vs the painted road sign, (both seen below) but in my opinion the painted road sign is much more difficult to miss and I suspect therefore more effective.

There are other places where dedicated bike lanes could be created, and I believe this has already been proposed

Please feel free to foreword this to whomever you think would be appropriate, or let me know to whom it would be most helpful to foreword it to myself.

Thank you,

Frank D. Bellistri

