

Provincetown Bicycle Advisory Working Group

Minutes June 13, 2011

Members present: Candace Nagle, Mike Peregón, Jeff Epstein, Paul Cezanne, Bill Meadows

Guests present: Clay Shoefield, Cape Cod Commission, David Gardner, Asst Town Manager-Town of Provincetown.

Introductions

Election of Officers: Candace Nagle, Chairperson 5-0, Paul Cezanne, Co-Chair 5-0

Minutes recorder will rotate. June 13, 2011 minutes recorded by Bill Meadows

Guest Clay Shoefield, Cape Cod Commission

Projects and experience include: avid cyclist in past, worked on Cape Cod Integrated Bike Study, planning with CCRTA. Ongoing projects include Bicycle Shuttle, additional planning with CCRTA, developing integration of bicycling with local businesses, developing unified bicycle signage, working on various projects listed on hand out.

Clay's big picture is to connect one end of Cape Cod with the other with bicycle paths.

Bicycle Shuttle: Van and trailer to transport bicyclists and their bicycles (6) between McMillan Wharf in Provincetown and Cape Cod Rail Trail in South Wellfleet. Same as Flex bus, \$2 fare. Expected 2 to 6 round trips per day, to be determined. 3 years initial funding in place. Implementation goal is Aug 7 which is optimistic.

Candace: Can the canal be connected to Provincetown in 3 yrs? Clay: No.

Other Projects: Gain utility easements from rail trail to Pamet River, Develop bike lanes along Rt 6 from Pamet River until Rt 6 is four lanes, Share the road lanes to Provincetown.

Bill: Is the old railroad bed viable as a bike path? Clay: No, it's too chopped up.

Clay is also working to connect Race Point Rd to Conwell Street to Cemetery Rd to McMillan Wharf by bike lanes. His advice to us as a new committee is to coordinate with Truro, give advice and be part of the process.

David Gardner was asked about bike lanes in the stretch of Moors Rd between Bradford Street Ext and the new road beginning at the Provincelands sign. He commented that they are still waiting for word on the grant, that it has been delayed. The original plan had bike lanes going clear to the rotary at Provincetown Inn but was scaled back due to costs like moving utility poles. The project can move quickly if the grant is obtained because it can be done by the contractor that already does town paving, but he cautioned it was unlikely to be done this season.

Jeff commented that the sign directing bicyclists onto the bike path going into Herring Cove Beach Parking Lot had been removed during construction and not replaced. He said his customers were missing the turn off.

Jeff made a motion to have the Cape Cod National Seashore reinstate the sign similar to the one removed. Motion was carried 5-0.

There was some discussion by David Gardner as to whether there was a plan to circumnavigate the Herring Cove parking lot completely. He said there was no current plan but it was part of the big picture. The bath house is to be rebuilt and there may be bike path modifications as a part of that project.

David also spoke about plans for Shank Painter Road. The town is still working with the Cape Cod Commission for public improvement s along Shank Painter Road. There are safety considerations being discussed and a plan ultimately to have bike paths on both sides of the road from Stop and Shop to Rt 6 and on one side from Stop and Shop to Bradford Street.

Several committee members commented negatively about the "No Bicycles on Sidewalks" signs. Mike made a motion to ask the Board of Selectmen to order the signs removed and replaced with signs designating the area as a shared pedestrian and bicycle path. Motion was carried 5-0

There was considerable discussion about safety on Commercial Street between bicyclists and pedestrians. 2 way bicycle traffic signs were discussed and "sharrows" (signs painted on the street or sidewalk) Posters in stores were mentioned.

Concern was expressed that bicyclists ride too fast for safe travel on Commercial Street. Is there a bicycle speed limit? Bill suggested a 10mph speed limit for any traffic, cars or bicycles. David Gardner commented that police can stop bicyclists exhibiting unsafe behavior without a speed limit law. It was suggested that Tony Z. of the "Share the Road" campaign be asked to attend a future meeting. Candace said she would email and invite him.

Falmouth got an honorable mention from the League of American Cyclists for being bike friendly. Clay said to contact Dr. Ed Gross of Falmouth and invite him to a meeting.

There was much discussion of bike racks. Mike Peragon has been working on increasing the number of bike racks in Provincetown over the past several years. There is a new bike rack at the old library site on Freeman and Commercial Streets. Everytime a new rack is added it is always full indicating we still need many more. There was discussion of business/town partnerships where businesses install a bike rack on their property and the expense is shared by the town. The committee decided to develop a list of wish sites for bike racks. Sites mentioned included the landing at the end of Court Street, the Prince Street Parking lot, town parking spaces, and the future Community Center site at the elementary school. It was decided that the committee interact with the VSB to seek grants. The next grant cycle will be in the fall so time is of the essence. Collin Brown, owner of Ruthies Boutique, has offered to purchase bike racks for the town. Candace will contact him. Clay said the RTA has enhancement money for bike racks at

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At the June 13, 2011 meeting of the Provincetown Bicycle Advisory Working Group made and passed the following motion.

The Provincetown Bicycle Advisory Working Group asks the Board of Selectmen to direct that the "No Bicycles on Sidewalks" signs on Shank Painter Road be removed and that signs that promote bicyclists and pedestrians sharing the space be installed in their place.

Motion carried 5-0

Members Present:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Meadows".

Bill Meadows, acting minutes recorder 7/13/2011 meeting

Candace Nagle, Chairperson