

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM

Members Present: Candace Nagle, Mike Peregon, Jeff Epstein, Roger Chauvette, Bill Meadows

Guests: Police Chief Jeff Jaran
Dan Alexander arrived at 1:25 PM

No public comments

Police Chief Jaran reported on bicycle enforcement/education project. There were 14 one to two hour shifts devoted to bicycle enforcement/education as well as officers who used parts of their regular shifts to take part in the project.

145 people were contacted during daytime hours

20 people were contacted during evening hours

Infractions included:

2 youth without helmets

29 defective equipment

33 speeding

27 crosswalk violation

9 riding on sidewalks

14 improper operation

31 not stopping at stop signs

Chief Jaran sees the program as successful and wants to continue the current program as well as increase the enforcement part of it. He would like to add a police card with check off boxes to give out as warnings which would be more official. So far mostly positive comments from the community including those who were stopped.

Candace reported on Beautification Committee:

Vehemently opposed to bike racks near the toilets at the bus station area. They did, however, do a site visit and made the following five recommendations:

1. At the end of the Municipal Toilets building, nose in rack with big board just outside 3-seaters to run the length of the walk there.
2. Side by side 12 ft. one facing back of Cuffys had a wide board to prevent any bicycles being stored in the wrong way. Rebuild said rack and extend it to the West for 24 bikes.
3. Re-do the bike racks at the side of the Bus Stop.
4. At the entrance to the Cabral Wharf along the sea wall a double-entry might accommodate 12 more bikes.
5. A flat rack 40-50 ft from the exit of the MPL crosswalk to the 1st pole might accommodate 12 more bikes.

Mike Peregon moved that the Bicycle Committee accept the Beautification Committess recommendations #1,2,4, & 5 and to reject #3. Passed 5-0-0

Mike Peregon and David Gardner will make a detailed list of locations for bike racks and make recommendations of bike rack style for each.

Chuck will do brochures again. Based on usage this year the Bicycle Committee recommends 30,000. More are needed to accommodate bike shop usage and police education usage.

Bradford Bicycle Lanes:

The Bicycle Committee recommends that traffic lanes be reduced to 10' from where the existing bike lanes end at West Vine Street to Prince Street. Candace, Bill, Roger, and Dan took measurements over 3 days which usually showed an excess of the 20' traffic lanes to be 9 feet or more. Contact with abutters were generally supportive of removing parking spaces. Holders of parking permits could easily use parking lots at Prince Street, School Street and by the Fire Station. There was discussion on where lines would be repositioned and repainted. David Gardner would share measurements with Ray at DPW and Rich Waldo to get more information on who would do the work and what costs might be.

Parking Department is reluctant to hold a special hearing for the bike lanes because other residents flood the meeting for private parking concerns. Suggestion to get support from Selectmen to hold such a hearing.

Next meeting on Wed, Sept 12 to firm up info for joint meeting with selectmen.

Minutes approved for August 22, 2012 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned 3:25 PM