

## BICYCLE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM SEPT 19, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM

Members present: Candace Nagle, Mike Peregon, Jeff Epstien, Roger Chauvette, Bill Meadows.

Guests present: Daniel Alexander, Cape Cod National Seashore consultant; David Gardner

Mary Anne Powers was introduced as an applicant to the alternate position on the Bicycle Committee. She has been a Provincetown resident since 1978. She owns Wonderful Hands Massage. She has served on the Beautification Committee for 9 years. She has commuted in town on bikes for 30 years.

Candace made a motion to accept Mary Ann Powers application as the alternate member on the Provincetown Bicycle Committee. Seconded and passed 5-0-0.

Discussion of the Banner editorial about bicycle lane: The editorial's tone was measured caution. It is evident that people are not privy to the facts yet and education about the lanes will be important.

Mike Peregon passed out an article from the Boston Globe which seems to infer that bike lanes are part of a global conspiracy. Article was for interest and divergent points of view only, no action taken.

The Traffic Commission has agreed to a public hearing about the Bradford Street bike lanes on November 13, 2012.

Information point brought up: 2 bicyclists were killed in Boston recently. Mary Ann Powers commented that bicycle riding needs to be defensive driving.

Candace recognized Tricia Farrell of 22 Mechanic Street to make a public statement. She called Provincetown a unique place. She is not for or against the bike lanes, but she thinks the issue needs more study, especially if there will be parking spaces taken away. She cautions about whether bike lanes would increase biking speeds. She thought this idea was tried a generation ago. There needs to be more enforcement of existing laws.

Daniel Alexander shared his Memorandum to the Provincetown Bicycle Committee. Motion made to include the memorandum in the packet for the Joint meeting with the Selectmen. Passed 5-0-0

David Gardner asked what is happening with bike lights. Bill said progress was made at Ptown Bikes and would present it as part of his presentation.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:46

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Bill Meadows