

Bike and Walkways Committee

March 27, 2019

2:00 at Wellfleet Public Library

Members In attendance: Ned Oliver, Lisa Palladino, Rebecca Brodwick Noble, and Christie O’Campbell

Meeting called to order at 2 pm.

1. Outer Cape Bike and Pathways Plan:

- a. Steve Tupper from the Cape Cod Commission came to present to the group about their latest projects. Tupper has worked with CCC since 2011. The CCC is currently working on a long-range regional transportation plan (2016 to 2040) with a draft release set for May 20, 2019. The “Outer Cape Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan” from 2017 is characterized as a vision rather than a concrete plan, and decisions and action generally involve National Park Service, Mass DOT, DCR and municipalities.
- b. In relation to the latest Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting with Stantec, Committee members explained that the BOS refused Stantec’s plan for a two-way multi-use bike/pedestrian path. Tupper emphasized that the town is employing Stantec for the Route 6 intersection planning but they also have to work towards Mass Dot requirements. DCR is also employing Stantec (based out of a different office) for the state-owned portion of the rail trail from Lecounts to Route 6. In response to a question from a committee member, Tupper said that if the Rt. 6 intersection dies due to disagreement within the town or other reasons, the town will no longer be the employer of the engineer and will miss the opportunity to shape the plan. Rt. 6 belongs to Mass DOT and Main Street belongs to the town.
- c. Tupper agreed with committee members that crossing Rt. 6 is a big danger, which requires a sidewalk and a bike lane. He explained the different levels of bike lanes beginning with a bike path (high comfort/separate from the road) to a bike accommodating shoulder, marked bike lane, buffered bike lane and protected bike lane (with reduced and minimized curb cuts and specific markings).
- d. Steve Tupper was asked about how the trail would be advertised if he did not believe it was appropriate for children and inexperienced bicyclists to ride on route 6 but the trail up to that point is advertised as good for kids and high comfort riders – there is not an answer at the moment.
- e. Tupper also explained that if DCR brings a trail to Route 6, it creates a desire to cross away from a light or intersection. The three levels of intersection are rectangular flash beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacon (safe and minimal delay but difficult to coordinate with the light at the intersection) and a pedestrian crosswalk at a traffic light (which seems unrealistic since there is a light just ahead). A crossing location so close – but not at – the light is an additional challenge.

- f. The committee requested a contact name from the DCR project and Tupper agreed to email the chair. (Is DCR considering Gross Hill Rd. Or Long Pond Rd.?)
 - g. There is a comment letter from the Cape Cod Commission to DCR. Will follow-up.
- 2. Network priorities
 - a. Ned will reach out to Emily Beebe again
 - b. Lisa will follow up with Steve Tupper
 - c. We will also connect with Truro
- 3. Priority Projects
 - a. Bay State Bike week is in May. Rebecca offered to think about a plan to reach out to the community. (Potentially announce a bike ride)
- 4. Approve minutes
 - a. The group approved the minutes. Christie will post them.
- 5. Set next meeting date/time/location
 - a. Friday, April 12, at 11am
- 6. Public Comments
 - a. Steve Oliver brought in a map and noted that the town has kept control of the fire roads and also owns Old King's Highway. Derek Oliver brought up the power line alternative.
 - b. Barb Taylor noted that it is important to consider in any planning the ecological concern of going to near the ponds such as Dyer's Pond, to avoid overuse.