

Bike and Walkways Committee Meeting

Friday, October 4, 2019 – 1:00

Wellfleet Public Library

Members in Attendance: Ned Oliver, Lisa Palladino, Rebecca Brodwick Noble, Tracey Hunt, and Christie O’Campbell

Meeting called to order at 1:03

1. Public Comments:

- Barb Taylor provided maps (digital and hard copy) along with a summary of each one and also provided an update about the public meeting on September 19 hosted by the Cape Cod National Seashore on the potential legal use of e-bikes in the Seashore.
 - E-bikes (class 1 and class 3) are now allowed on all Cape Cod National Seashore trails and fire roads where traditional bikes are allowed, except: e-bikes that do not require any pedaling.
 - This change comes as a result of a U.S. Department of Interior order (3366) on Aug. 30 to increase the recreational opportunities in national parks for e-bicyclists and order 3376 that all national parks must look at and implement a plan for e-bike usage.
 - (Additional research post-meeting according to Mary Ann Bragg of the Cape Cod Times): In current state law, e-bikes fall into the category of mopeds, but MassBike and DCR are looking at the National Seashore as a model with the intention of allowing e-bikes on the Rail Trail, and some towns are creating their own rules.
- All public meeting attendees requested that the committee create a listserv to inform interested people of meetings: Helen, Barb and Terry (bentabeach@gmail.com), DPW and Selectboard.

2. The group unanimously voted to approve minutes.

3. **Citizen Suggestion:** A citizen emailed the committee a suggestion to paint lines to outline sidewalks on Holbroke Ave. (from Main St. to Baker Ave.) and Bank St. from Main St. The group expressed excitement and Rebecca volunteered to contact the DPW.
4. **Update/discussion on Article 44:** Mike Devasto requested that Article 44 be placed on the agenda for the Selectboard meeting (talk to Courtney to be on listserv). The Committee continues to support the town's nearly unanimous vote requesting action from the Selectboard on April 23, 2019. The meeting will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00. Committee members will attend the meeting and will be available to answer questions.
5. **Status update on DCR/DOC projects:** Jim Montgomery is the new DCR commissioner (post-August). Our latest update, according to Dan Driscoll, is that the bike route extension project is going forward 100% to Route 6. They may hold another public meeting though they have not published public comments from the previous forum (3 months post-closing date). Contact Paul Jahnige (Director of Greenways and Trails – DCR) to request that they publish comments.
 - Abutter meeting on Tuesday (October 8 at 10am) in the town hall basement - with DOT – we have never been contacted. DCR may show up as they did at the last meeting. According to the town manager's office the meeting only concerns businesses on the east side of route 6 – pjs, baysails marine and cumberland farms. Dan Hoort's drawing of the current plan sent to abutters is included (below). It is unclear why the plan does not include the west side of Route 6. How do they define who is an abutter and are abutter meetings a legal requirement? Helen will be at the meeting and Ned is also hoping to go.
6. **Committee updates:** Lisa and Rebecca, along with Mike Devasto, met with the National Seashore. Brian Carlstrom (NPS Superintendent) and Lauren MacKeen (Park planner) expressed a willingness to meet and work with the committee. They named funding issues as their top concern. They do, however, work with state agencies for funding. The DCR may be a top contender for financing. We can try for a follow up meeting but first we need a design plan. In 2012 National Seashore had a plan parallel to the power lines that lost steam (Barb Taylor provided the information and model in her packet)
7. Future topics:

- Contact DPW about the sidewalks.
- Monday night Selectboard meeting at 7:00
- Tuesday abutter meeting
- Mapping session

Meeting adjourned at 1:56