|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Westport Bike Committee Minutes 10/18/18 |

Call to order

A meeting of Westport Bike/ Walk Path Committee was held at Westport Public Library on October 18, 2018

Attendees included Gail Roderigues, chair, Steve Ouellette, Monica Faria, vice chair and Bette Low secretary

Approval of minutes

Minutes from meeting of 9/2018 submitted and APPROVED UNANIMOUS \*

Next meeting: NOVEMBER 15 @ 7pm @ Wspt Public Library

OLD BUSINESS

-COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE Monica presented the draft Complete Streets letter from Jim Hartnet and the approved Complete Streets application letter from Dartmouth for comparison and we agreed that moving this process along can net the town money for bike trails we voted to endorse this letter UNANIMOUS

Action: Steve will follow up at the Selectmen level

-HELEN ELLIS UPDATES: The final reports and materials have been submitted but there is question about cutting the check due to our status as a town entity

Action: Gail will follow up with town treasurer

-PEDAL FOR THE PATH POLICE DETAIL: Due to a misunderstanding because of two separate events on the same Saturday, our policeman Scott was given the wrong time by his dispatcher (9:30 - 12:30am) for his detail and showed up too early( instead of 12-2:30 pm) at Rt 177 & Gifford Road. As a result we had to hire him to work overtime to help the riders cross Action: Monica will forward her emails giving the time to the dispatcher to Steve, who will talk to the Wspt Police chief to straighten out this matter

-JOB DESCRIPTION for “NEW MEMBERS” we discussed the need to recruit 2 new members to replace Marge and Tony at the last meeting.

Action: Bette wrote a job description which she will forward to interested parties and perhaps post at the town hall

-JOB DESCRIPTION for“FRIENDS OF “ WESTPORT BIKE /PED COMMITTEE GROUP

Bette has created a job description for members of this group which includes helping out with fundraisers like the Pedal for the Path, Bike Rodeo and perhaps even maintaince of the future bike path. Action: Bette wrote job description which she will forward to those folks who have expressed an interest

-LAFRANCE meeting- Keith met with Charlie Fellows, who runs the Galley Grill at Whites of Westport, about the Rt 6 crossing/ bike trail

Action: Keith will give a full report at the next meeting

-ROCK STREET TRAILS: The town owns property behind the Senior Housing on Route 6 and Steve is setting up a field visit for us to look at this property and to address the current use of this property and its’ potential for future trails

Action: Steve will set up a time/date for our committee

-CPC UPDATES: The CPC money for the South coast Bikeways Alliance feasibility study has now been approved in Westport ( $10K )and Dartmouth($10K) and it looks good that it will get approval in New Bedford at which point the feasibility study can begin. Gail reported from the SCBA meeting that Fall River also approved CPC funding and will use some of the money will to get the Quequechan Rail Trail to the Westport town line ( a short but critical distance)

NEW BUSINESS

-WESTPORT BIKE COMMITTEE (REVOLVING) GIFT FUND: Because of the difficulty with the Helen Ellis grant and the Police Detail payment, setting up a Bike /Ped Committee Revolving Fund was discussed so we would have an entity to make payments from and get grant money to. Bette made a motion to set up this fund, Steve seconded APPROVED UNANIMOUS Action: Bette will see the Selectman’s Clerk to start process of getting this on the town warrent (as it must be approved at town meeting )

-BIKE RODEO An event which was held in the past at Bicentennial Park with the cooperation of the Police Department which featured a helmet & bike light giveaways , bike stunt team and bike safety demonstrations was suggested as our featured event this spring/summer. Possible funding sources MDOT, Ron Derosier Fund, Helen Ellis

Action: Bette will ask Lucy about the Ron Derosier fund

-SRPEDD Survey On the Town website is a link to a survey which has had very few respondants

Action: Monica will link to the survey on our Facebook

-SOUTH COAST BIKEWAYS ALLIANCE updates;

There will be one more Workshop “Introduction to Surveying/GPS for trails” still to be scheduled

There is a deadline of Dec 18 for a shovel ready project for a Build Grant https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about

Dartmouth Bike Committee’s hope for the Tomato Patch purchase ( part of the Scenic Route) has been dashed as the property has been sold to developers

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn 8:16 pm , Seconded. Vote: UNANIMOUS