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|  | Westport Bike Committee Minutes 2/21/19 |

Call to order

A meeting of Westport Bike/ Walk Path Committee was held at westport Public Library on Feb 21, 2019

Attendees included Gail Roderigues, chair, Keith MacDonald and Bette Low secretary.

Approval of minutes

Minutes from meeting of 1/16/19 submitted and APPROVED UNANIMOUS

We need better communication

Keith stopped in to see the new Recreation Director ( works M-Th 5 hrs a day in town Hall Annex)

to introduce our committee and talk about co-planning the Bike Rodeo next year She seemed interested.

ACTION Bet will draft an invitation to collaborate on Bike Rodeo

He expressed a need to have us involved in the development of town projects so bike trail/ sharroads are at least considered going forward. And stated that we should be in communication with 1) Highway Surveyor, 2)Town Planner, and/or Assistant Planner, and with 3) the town School’s PE teachers & school committee members and 4) Police Department Chief

ACTION: We need to decide who will reach out to which person/entity

And that we need better communication with the Selectmen, he proposed We should send Steve a quarterly update to share with Selectmen? Or as a letter form to share with them directly every three months ACTION: Bet will draft a quarterly update after the March meeting

Skype it in? We have two members who have difficulty physically attending the meetings we disc ussed either Skype or Facetime to include them in the process

ACTION: Bet, Steve and Monica will download Skype & set up accounts

(Or Facetime)

Monica and Steve will see if they can set aside some time to “Skype it in” Thursday March 21 after 6:30 so we can try out this new system

Mass Trails Grant is in:

Several communities in addition to our own applied for these grants, which the grant administrator told Keith was good for all of us in the region: UMASS applying for trails on campus, New Bedford for the SCBA connection of Fairhaven to Achusnet and a proposed Whales Tail commuter station. Fall River has decided to use TIP funds and will not apply for Mass Trails for the Mount Hope Greenway.

Westport CPC funds to be handled by SRPEED

As SRPEDD is a state agency the CPC funds do not have to go out for competitive bids, this is great news as they have highly skilled staff in this field.

Progress made on Complete Streets but keep the pressure on!

Outline of the process:

Complete Streets TIER ONE; letter of intent signed by the BOS DONE

2) Once letter is signed we get on the map Https:[masscompletestreets.com](http://masscompletestreets.com) DONE

3) Attend a training: Designing Your Streets For People ( Town Planner- Jim Hartnett DONE)

4) Build a group of shareholders working towards Complete Streets

Action: WE need to educate the town and town stakeholders on what Complete Streets is and what it can do for our town

Complete Streets TiER TWO:

1) Come up with a Prioritization plan ( usually 10 projects)

2) We brainstormed a list of projects: Central village, Stanford Rd ( replace sidewalks)

Old County Rd- connect bike trail to Dartmouth, Road Diet Route 6, Safe routes to Schools,

New High School sidewalks, Rock Street trails, East Beach bike safety

ACTION: for each project we need to come up with a who what when where and why, edit and have ready to present to BOS when needed

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 21 @ 6:30

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn 8:20 pm , Seconded. Vote: UNANIMOUS