

Attendees:

Donna Hayford
David McCarthy
Brian Ross
Scott Hastings
Leah Drennan

Topics Discussed:

1. Letter to the Editor – York Weekly:

The Committee agreed to send a Letter to the Editor of the York Weekly thanking the people who attended the Cycling and Walking Public Forum and those who completed the bike/pedestrian survey. The content was agreed to and will be sent in for the August 10 issue of the paper.

2. Prioritization of initiatives to improve cycling and walking safety and accessibility:

The list of initiatives identified by the committee was compiled in a spreadsheet that could be used to prioritize and focus the improvement efforts. Brian provided recommended criteria for rating the initiatives (see attached). Committee members worked through several of the initiatives to assure a mutual understanding of the rating system. Based on this exercise, it was agreed that each member would complete an individual rating sheet. The individual rating sheets will be compiled for the next meeting to reach consensus on the highest priority items.

3. Committee walks:

Committee members expressed an interest in conducting walks and/or bike rides to various trails in Town. These will need to be listed in the Weekly Town meeting schedule to notify the public and encourage their participation. The walks do not require a quorum of members. The first walk will be in the Steedman Woods and Fisherman's Walk area.

4. Committee meeting schedule:

There will be no meeting on August 17th due to lack of quorum availability.

5. Meeting with Lt Owen Davis of York Police Department:

David McCarthy met with Lt Owen Davis (YPD) to discuss possible areas of collaboration with the bicycle and pedestrian committee.

In conjunction with the Bicycle coalition of Maine, front and rear bicycle lights were provided to YPD for Patrolmen/women to give to cyclists stopped at night who did not have lights. The Rotary Club of York has donated \$200 to obtain additional lights to continue this outreach program and improve safety for cyclists, walkers, and motorists who are out after dark.

Also discussed were mechanisms to gather information on speeds on York roads. YPD borrowed and used such a device on Route 1 near Meadowbrook Plaza earlier in the year. The Committee will assist YPD with possible grants to obtain speed monitors (Traffic Logix 800 radar speed signs cost about \$5000).

Lt Davis recommended that the committee become involved in the High School Safety Fair program which is held every October. Dave will contact School Resource Officer Piskopanis to set this up.

Distracted driving, motorist texting, and related “failure to maintain control of vehicle” warnings and citations were also discussed. This is an on-going effort by YPD.

6. Selectmen update:

At the request of Steve Burns, the Committee will provide an update on progress to the Selectmen on September 12th.

Action Items:

Scott will distribute spreadsheet of initiatives to members for rating in accordance with the agreed to criteria. Members will individually rate the initiatives and submit completed sheets to Scott to be compiled for Sept 7 meeting. (All)

Contact DPW to improve visibility of Moulton Lane Stop signs (Leah)

Schedule Committee walk around Steedman Woods, Fisherman’s Walk, and Cliff Walk. Notify Missy Avery to include notice of walks in Town meeting listing. (Donna)

Edit Letter to the Editor per Committee discussions and submit to York Weekly. (Dave)

Contact SRO Piskopanis to arrange participation in the High School Traffic Safety Fair. (Dave)

To-do items for Committee as input to Master Plan:

Review Comp Plan to assure all bike and pedestrian action items are addressed in the Master Plan.

Document and map speed limits on roads east of Route 1 between York and Cape Neddick Rivers.

Meet with Dean Lessard for update on paving plans and documentation of road/sidewalk/bike lane improvements in the last five years. Tentatively scheduled for Sept 21.

Meet with Planning Board member(s) on complete streets policy and planning processes for inclusion of cycling and walking considerations during Board reviews.

Contact conservation committee to learn about their discussions on bike and walking paths.

Next Meeting: Sept 7 2016 at 1:00 to 2:30 at the York Public Library. Note: there will be no meeting on Aug 17 due to schedule conflicts.

Agenda:

Approve Minutes from July 20, 2016 and Aug 3, 2016 meetings.

Prioritize initiatives to be included in Master Plan.

Upcoming Calendar of Bike/Ped events:

Sept 12 – Update Selectmen on Committee Progress

Sept 21 – Meet with Dean Lessard (tentative)

Oct 23 – Submit Draft Master Plan to Selectmen

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Criteria Definitions for Infrastructure Recommendations

Safety- The degree to which the existing condition poses a threat to public safety and the degree to which a proposal route or improvement will enhance public safety.

Connectivity- The degree to which a proposed route or improvement will enhance connections in the community.

Feasibility- The degree to which an improvement is possible in non-financial matters such as legal issues, property issues and possible public support.

Funding/Maintenance Costs- The degree to which improvements will cost, operating expense versus a capital expense, and the cost to maintain that improvement, short term and long term.

Demand- The degree to which an existing route is used and the degree to which a proposed improvement will result in increased use.

Equity- The degree to which an improvement will enable vulnerable users more walkable and bike-able routes for access. (children, seniors, people with disabilities etc.)