

Attendees:

Donna Hayford
Leah Drennan
Brian Ross
David McCarthy
Scott Hastings
Peter Yauch
Guest: Abby King – Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Topics Discussed:

1. Minutes of the February 17th meeting were approved. Dave will provide a copy of the minutes for posting on the Town Web site.
2. Abby King from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine joined us.

Abby provided an overview of the “Imagine Bikes Here Program” <http://www.bikemaine.org/advocacy/legislative-advocacy/imagine-bikes-here> This program may provide support for some of the Committee’s Quick Hit items. The program will be further considered as the Committee tackles items on the Quick Hit list.

She also addressed many questions on BCM and what resources they have to offer to support our efforts. <http://www.bikemaine.org/advocacy/legislative-advocacy> provides ways in which individuals and groups can advocate for safer cycling and walking. It also provides a listing of available educational opportunities and links to key resources.

3. Public Forum:

The York Community Dialog Steering Committee decided to pursue the topic of taxation at their Spring Community Dialog on May 14th. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will therefore host a separate forum to provide the community a forum to discuss walking and cycling issues and provide their input to the Master Plan.

The Cycling and Walking Community Forum is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at the York Public Library from 9:00 to 11:00.

The format of the Forum will include registration, a brief introduction on how the process works, and then a series of breakout areas for people to provide their views, experiences, and hopes for improving safety and accessibility for walkers and cyclists in York. Participants will be able to provide their thoughts in any or all of the topical breakout areas or other thoughts not covered by the breakouts. The Committee will refine details for the forum in future meetings.

4. Committee Annual Report/Selectmen Report:

The Committee’s report to the Selectmen has been postponed to April 11th. A draft annual report was reviewed by the Committee and accepted. The annual report will be forwarded to the Town Hall for publication. The report to the Selectmen’s Meeting will be based on the annual report with any updates. An outline for the brief to Selectmen will be reviewed at the April 6th meeting. This briefing will provide a formal opening of the community cycling and walking survey period.

5. Survey:

Scott provided a hard copy of the survey. The Committee members will review the survey and finalize it at the March 23rd meeting. Scott will check with Steve Burns on how and when to present the survey to Selectmen. The survey period will begin on April 11th and run through June 6th.

6. Bike Rodeo: June 2nd

A Bike Rodeo has been scheduled for June 4th at Coastal Ridge elementary School. Dave will work with the schools, York Parks and Recreation, York Police and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to flesh out the details and report back at the next meeting.

7. Walking/Biking trails in York:

The Committee agreed to the need to visit trails around York as part of the research for the Master Plan...as well as for fun and exercise. Weather and time permitting, individual Committee members will tour various paths following meetings or at other times and provide feedback.

Action Items:

Submit Committee Annual Report to Town Hall (Dave)

Make final edits to Survey for Committee review (Scott)

Talk to individuals and groups who will be involved in the Bike Rodeo and report back to the Committee (Dave)

Provide feedback to Committee on Choose to be Healthy Coalition Meeting in Wells (Dave/Brian/Donna)

Schedule meeting with Dean Lessard (DPW) on plans for road/sidewalk/bike lane projects (Dave)

Contact Missy Avery about having cycling related public service announcements on the local access channel. (Dave)

Next Meeting: March 23, 2016 at 1:00 at the York Public Library

Tentative Agenda:

Guest Ron Mcallister: Village Study Committee referendum; Open Spaces mapping tasking; lessons learned in conducting public forums.

Propose safe bike routes for Committee consideration (Donna)

Finalize survey, survey period and actions to publicize (Scott)

Prepare for a public forum including publicizing and determine needed exhibits and materials.

Provide feedback to Committee on Choose to be Healthy Coalition Meeting and Bike Rodeo planning meeting with Eileen Brault and Andy Gray (Dave)

Discuss candidates for location of bike rack presented to the Committee by the Choose to be Healthy Coalition.

Upcoming Calendar of Bike/Ped events:

March 23: Complete Streets Presentations in Saco (5:00 – 7:00)

April 11: Committee report to Selectmen's Meeting

April 11: Kick-off for Bike Survey

May 7: Public Forum on cycling and pedestrian issues

May 14: York Community Dialog on Town Taxes (8:30 – 11:30)

May 21: York Voting Day – Committee booth with survey and educational materials

June 2: Bike Rodeo at CRES – set-up at 4:00; Rodeo from 5:30 to 7:30

June 4: National Trails Day - Hiking with Families – Mt A – 1:00-2:00

TBD: Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education presentations at Coastal Ridge

TBD: Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education presentation to Library summer reading program

TBD: Conduct workshop with York Chamber