

TRURO BIKE AND WALKWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

December 9, 2013

Truro Safety Facility

Members in Attendance

Susan Roderick, Chair

Cathy Haynes

Tom Roda

Eric Mays

Members not in Attendance

Karen Snow

Russell Broad

Guests

Kyle Takakjian, Police Chief

Breon Dunigan, Selectmen

The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m with a quorum. The following agenda was covered:

1. Meeting Minutes of the November 13, 2013 were approved.

2. Public Comments:

a. Liason with Other Town Boards: Breon Dunigan suggested that it may be feasible for the BWWC to work with other town boards, for instance, work with the Planning Board on Zoning By-Laws to include walkway and bikeway access through private properties. To be discussed in further detail at next meeting.

3. Review of BWWC 2013 Recommendations and 2014 Goals:

a. 2013 Accomplishments include brochure completion and distribution, bus stop area reviews, bike rack installation throughout town, ability to raise funds via the non-profit to assist in meeting BWWC goals, and review of bike signage.

b. 2014 Recommendations Report is to include incomplete items from 2013 Report and additions are to include, but not be limited to, the following: continue to promote standardized bike signs, work with State Highway Department for Route 6 safety improvements, bus stop reviews, inclusion of walking paths on bike safety map (or other), promotion of bike safety through education and equipment give aways, and public service announcements. The website Bostonwalks.org was recommended as a good site for design of walking paths on rural roads. Cathy Haynes to draft 2014 BWWC Recommendations Report for review at next meeting.

4. Review of State Highway Meeting on December 3, 2013 was presented by Chief Takakjian. Representatives from the police department met with a State Highway Engineer to review existing conditions and possible safety improvements to areas of Route 6 and eight secondary roads in Truro. Segments of Route 6 involved in the discussion included: Route 6 nearest retail business (near Hillside Fram Stand and Whitmanville Road); area nearest Savory/Sweet Escapes and Truro Central School; and Route 6 from Police Station to Aldich Road. Secondary roads included in the discussion were: Shore Road, Old County Road, Depot Road, Truro Center Area, Castle Road, South Highland Road, Great Hollow Road and Highland Road. State Highway Engineers are to determine means to improve roadway safety in these areas, and improvements could include speed limit reductions, roadway softening, signage, traffic lights or intersection improvements.

5. Old Business:

a. Public Radio Announcements: Proposed radio announcements for bike and vehicle safety presented. No comments or additions. Cathy Haynes to submit to local radio stations to utilize as public service announcements in the Spring of 2014.

b. RoadID.com Members of the BWWC reviewed website prior to meeting. Suggested that website be utilized on Truro town television station. Susan Roderick to review website videos and contact webmaster@Truro-MA.gov for publication.

c. BWWC Policy and Procedures Manual: The Town is proposing a townwide procedures manual for use by all boards and committees. The BWWC draft manual is put on hold.

d. Route 6 Bike Lane Improvements: No new information presented at the meeting regarding Route 6 bike lane. Tom Roda has been doing research to determine status of Safe Walkways to School Program and extension of walkway to Community Center and Shore Road.

e. RMV or Excise Tax Insert: Karen Snow to present at next meeting.

f. Budget for BWWC 2014: Susan Roderick stated that budget for 2014 was submitted at the of November 2013 in the town required format. Discussed obtaining potential state grant monies. Grant monies may be available for bike safety equipment. Sheila Lyons at the Cape Cod Commission is to be contacted.

6. Action Items:

a. BWWC members tasks on on-going items are outlined above.

b. Safety Inset: Karen Snow to compose draft insert for vehicle and bike safety for tax bills. Chief Tarjakian to discuss possibility of inclusion in excise bills with Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Safety Facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Haynes

