

## Bicycle Advisory Work Group Minutes for Nov. 16, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1:08pm.

Members present: Candace Nagle, Mike Peregón, Paul Cezanne, Jeff Epstein, and Bill Meadows

Guest present: David Gardner, Asst Town Manager

There is a problem with abandoned bikes being left in bike racks. Roger of the police department removed about 15 bikes recently. Discussion included what was an appropriate time limit for bikes to be left in a bike rack before it was considered abandoned? Should signs be posted with policy? How will people be warned their bike may be removed? David said he tagged individual bikes for removal. No policy was decided.

Update on Group Conference: Clay will review minutes and plan another workshop. Bike Provincetown Facebook page has a link to a questionnaire, but there is little traffic on the Facebook page. The Community Provincetown page was suggested to inform people. Each member of the BAWG agreed to reach out to at least 5 people each to like the Bike Provincetown to reach minimum membership. It was also suggested to reach out to organized bike rides that end in Provincetown. This can be done thru permits at the police department. We should promote Provincetown as a logical terminus to bike rides.

There was discussion over concerns about the new bike racks in front of the library. Candace stated that the bike hitches are supposed to have 82" space for installation but only have 61". Even if bikes are placed all the way against the wall, they still stick out into the current sidewalk. The BAWG expressed that the situation should be addressed but David stated that there was no will to tear up the newly installed racks and sidewalk. It was suggested we wait and see what happens and build a body of evidence if the bike rack is problematic... that would give up some facts to rely on in asking that the racks be reinstalled. BAWG members were urged to take pictures of problem bikes in the rack. Candace suggested reaching out to the Council on Aging or handicapped for support. Should the landscape architect be held responsible for the incorrect installation? Should we send a plea to the Library Board of Trustees and see what their response is? What do the police think of this? Is it a public safety hazard? It was suggested that the hitches could be reinstalled with more room in between and angled like parking spots to adjust for the length. Mike agreed to write a draft letter to the Library Board of Trustees as a beginning point.

Provincetown did not get the grant to develop the bike trail connection of Moors Rd from Bradford Street Extension to the newly constructed roadway with bike lanes on Moors Rd within the seashore. Can the town take on this project? David says we already have Con Comm approval. David will talk to the pavement contractor. BAWG made the following motion to the Board of Selectmen:

The Bicycle Advisory Working Group asks the Board of Selectmen to support the town in constructing a bike path connection on Moors Road from Bradford Street Extension to the newly reconstructed road with bike paths that begins at the border of the Provincelands.

Motion passed by a vote of 5 - 0 - 0

Bill would email the motion to David.

Candace also asked about the possibility of an override vote at Town Meeting. David said there were lots of big ticket items coming up and there would be competition for dollars.

Should the BAWG ask for Share the Road signs for this section of Moors Road? There was discussion around whether to pursue branded style signs or something more standard that the DPW can easily make. The VSB would probably not buy signs, they are still working on funding the brochures. David was directed to look into regular rectangular yellow signs with standard share the road bicycle logo and wording.

Candace has been working on wording for the VSB grant for shared expenses of bike racks on private property. Candace read the project summary, explanation and review. After short discussion the group approved the wording.

Minutes were read and approved for the following meetings:

October 5, 2011          approved 4-0-1

October 19, 2011        approved 4-0-1

November 2, 2011        approved 4-0-1

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Meadows