

Bicycle Committee Minutes
August 7, 2013

submitted by Mike Peregou

Call to Order was made by Chairman Roger Chauvette at 1:02 pm

Present: Roger Chauvette, Jeff Epstein, Mike Peregou, Officer Lopes, Provincetown Police Dept., David Gardner, Asst Town Manager, Eric Borg, Provincetown Banner

Excused Absence: Bill Meadows

No public statements

Presentation was made by Officer Lopes describing the Police Department's receipt and use of a \$3,000 grant to improve bicycle safety. The grant allows officers to spend 60 hours patrolling exclusively for bicycle law enforcement. The program started August 5, 2013 and will run for 30 days. The grant requires officers to stop a minimum of three (3) bicycles or autos per hour and issue tickets (\$20) or written warnings for infractions. Particular attention will be paid to: stop sign violations, speeding and weaving unsafely on Commercial St., failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, riding against the flow of traffic (except on Commercial St.), use of bicycle helmets by riders under 16 years of age, riding at night without a front bike light and required reflectors. The bicycle committee's Bike Safety/Map brochure will be distributed when riders are stopped. Officer Lopes will return to a Bicycle Committee meeting in September to report on these enforcement efforts.

Roger will contact the Provincetown Public School to offer to the school a "Bike Safety" day in early Fall. The bicycle committee will organize the event.

Motion: Applications for the final round of the Bike Rack Cost Share program must be made by October 15, 2013. Peregou/Epstein Passed 3-0-0

David Gardner reported that 2 new road banners have been received. One will be hung over Commercial St., the other at the Police Station.

Jeff Epstein reported a bicycle accident on Commercial St.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, at 1:00

Adjourned at approx. 2:30 pm.