

Bicycle Committee Minutes of the meeting September 17, 2014

Present: Roger Chauvette (Chairman), Max Cliggot-Perit, Jeff Epstein, Mark Juaire, Mike Peregón, Eric Larson(DPW)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM

There were no public statements.

Membership: No update on the appointment of David Moorman to the Bicycle Committee by the BOS

Eric Larson expressed concern that the current procedures to removed abandoned bikes from town racks needs some improvements and that a change needs to be made forbidding the use of town sign posts to lock bikes is needed. The committee will review this matter and, if needed, prepare changes for the spring town meeting.

A draft proposal was sent to the Bicycle Committee from Gloria McPherson/Planning Board that would require the installation of bike racks by commercial properties in the GC Zoning District. After discussing the proposal the Bicycle Committee Passed the following motion: 4-0-0

“The Bicycle Committee appreciates the Planning Board’s goal of requiring provisions for bike racks at commercial properties, however, we cannot support the proposal as written. We request a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss this further.” Moved by Mark Juaire, second by Jeff Epstein.

The bicycle committee thought that, since some business properties have such limited space, a provision for exemption from the requirement is needed. Also, should residential properties be required to install racks? And should the bike rack size be stipulated? And should the rack clearly be for the use by the public?

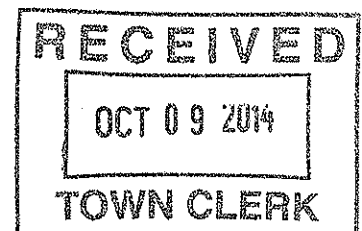
Mike Peregón will contact the Planning Board/Gloria Mc Pherson to inform them of this motion and the need for further discussion on the matter.

There was agreement by the committee and Eric Larson that the 7 day limit for bike parking at town racks should indeed be enforced this fall as we head into winter. Members of the committee and Eric will do a check, perhaps by taking pictures, to identify abandoned bikes and tag those in violation of the 7 day limit, in preparation for their removal by the DPW.

Roger submitted to the committee a list of future projects and goals for the committee. It was agreed that an agenda item for our next meeting should be to examine the list and prioritize it as a plan for future work of the committee.

Eric will request that a representative of the Police Dept. will attend the next meeting of the committee to share the past summer’s experience in regards to safety, theft of bikes, enforcement, etc.

Roger presented to the committee another count of bikes, cars, and trucks on Commercial St. he took 5 different days this summer. His one half hour count showed between 115 and 170 bikes passed by!



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Eric said that planning for the bike route from town center to the Beach Forest/ Seashore Bike Paths is "in the National Seashore's Court". He will get back to the committee as soon as he has more information. He also indicated to the committee that he has a very extensive work load of other construction projects and this project will take time to design and construct.

Minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting were approved 4-0-1. First, Jeff Epstein, second Roger Chauvette

The next meeting of the Bicycle Committee will be Wed. Oct 8 at 3:00.

A motion to adjourn at 4:45 was passed 5-0-0.

Respectively submitted: Mike Peregon