

Harwich Bikeways Committee

Monthly Meeting held October 15, 2024 at Harwich Community Center

Present:

Fran Salewski, Chair
Paul Gazaille
Fred Rice
Charles Walkley
Pauline Teas
Jim Ferry

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM. Minutes of the September 2024 meeting were approved.

Agenda items:

1. The Highway Department will be making **major improvements to the rail trail** in 2027. The committee is proposing to send a letter to the department with our suggestions for improvements to OCRT, including, but not limited to changes to the big dip near the water department. It was suggested that we include a map in the letter. Charlie Walkley has volunteered to draft the letter.
2. If anyone becomes aware of a **problem with rail trail** they should send an email to Paul, who will pass it on. Include a picture if possible.
3. **Helmets and lights for J-1's.** Paul has received communication from CPA that we are not eligible for a grant. We will need another source of funding if we are to provide these items. Charlie sent a note to the person who donated in the past, but did not hear back from her. Paul will investigate where Kiwana's bought theirs. Some questions were raised about our responsibility to provide helmets, etc. Also, questions were raised about possible liabilities if helmets are not adequate.
4. **Accident data.** Related to the discussion on helmets, etc. Is there a good single source of information on accidents involving bicycles? Apparently there is no one single source in Harwich or other Cape Cod communities.
5. A **guest**, Dick Siegel, was present. Mr. Siegel was interested in the committee's work and had questions about our charge, complicated signage, and public awareness.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024

