

Harwich Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee
November 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Attending:

Charlie Walkley
Fran Salewski (remote)
Paul Gazaille
Fred Rice
Alain Ferry
Jim Ferry

October minutes approved.

Old Business

1. *Letter to Link Hooper* regarding resurfacing and possible re-routing of the rail trail will be sent and a follow up meeting scheduled. A map to be included. Consider inviting Water Department to the meeting. Question about need to resurface (vs repair existing surface) was raised. Changes to the routing at intersections necessitates resurfacing the entire 4 miles.
2. *J-1 Safety Equipment (helmets, lights, and bells) funding.* Efforts to contact the woman from Cape Cod Healthcare have not been successful. CPC funds are not available. Perhaps a letter to Colleen Medieros should be sent. Perhaps a bicycle fund raiser. Quests about our ability to collect money. Paul to contact Ed McManus (Kiwana's) about a donation. Rotary might also be a source of funds. Fred to check on our ability to do fund raising.

New Business

1. *Meeting schedule.* Consider no meeting in December or January. Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025, pending our mandate to have monthly meeting.
2. *Committee charter.* Suggested that our role should be expanded to go beyond transportation infrastructure to include promotion of cycling and walking. We would need to have that clarified by the Select Board. We would coordinate with Recreation and other departments, as appropriate. Alain to make that a part of his presentation to the Board, which has yet to be scheduled.

As an example, because it is protected from traffic, the rail trail is ideally suited for events that benefit people with intellectual disabilities. We could coordinate with Monomoy High School

(Special Friends Café), Harwich Police, Harwich Recreation, charities that serve that community, and others to put on an event that utilizes the trail.

3. Paul reported that an 82 Harwich resident fell face first on the trail between Rt 124 and the Rotary. The incident should be made a part of Alain's presentation to the Select Board without revealing the identity of the lady.

Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 P.M.