



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 17, 2019, 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Town Office

1. Introduction of present members, speakers, guests and non-present members:

Present: Jim Albright, Chuck Farrell, Bob Faunce, Jack Fitzpatrick, John Lappen, Emile Lugosch, Mary Piasecki, Patricia Porter, Frances Small, Steven Hufnagel (Guest Speaker), Lindsay Currier (Town Staff Liaison), Christopher Hall (Town Administrator)

Apologies: Chrissy Bradley, Mike Foster, Sandra Lucore, Todd Richards

2. Election of Chair Pat Porter Nom. by J. Albright

Sec. by C. Farrell

Unanimous

[Note: The Bicycle Pedestrian Committee has vacancies that will need to be filled for Vice Chair and Secretary - LBC]

The swearing in of members was moved to the end of the meeting.

3. Steven Hufnagel of Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, which was a recent merge of Pemaquid Watershed Association and Damariscotta River Association, presented “Linking Land for Trails and Wildlife – Bristol Mills to Pemaquid Mill, or even Twin Villages to the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse.”

Steven discussed that in addition to providing pathways for human enjoyment and health, a key part of Coastal Rivers’ mission is to preserve and create wildlife corridors and connected habitat to ensure local species can find food, shelter, and mates. The committee was reminded that Coastal River’s creates pathways on land but also improves and increases access to “blue trails” such as the Pemaquid River and surroundings bodies of water.

The new 8 foot wide stone dust pathway at the shell midden in Damariscotta was used as an example of an affordable, accessible, in addition to tick-free pathway

option for multiple user groups of varying ability levels to enjoy. While not ADA compliant, this type of pathway is constructed to Forest Service “mobility accessible” requirements.

The Coastal Rivers Land Trust Map was presented showing current ownership and easements to access on the Pemaquid Peninsula and inland neighboring communities. The potential for a pathway from “mill-to-mill-to-mill” (Damariscotta to Bristol to Pemaquid) was apparent and feasible for the future.

An increased interest in mountain bike trails has been noted by the communities and Steven stressed that funds and labor force for building singletrack was readily available, with the next step being identifying properties with mountain biking potential and land owners willing to give access.

4. Several themes for future meetings were discussed:

- MOBIUS – adaptive / ADA compliant trails
- Bristol Consolidated School – sidewalk & actuated crossing between school and library
- Lincoln County Sheriff – enforcing current speed limits and laws
- Brunswick Commons / Bike-Ped Plan – how they did it & lessons we can learn

5. Present members of the committee were sworn in.

6. The next Meeting will take place 6:30pm July 15, 2019 at the Town Office with representatives of the Department of Transportation: Steve Cole, Regional Planner and Patrick Adams, Bicycle-Pedestrian Planner.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Currier

Town Staff Liaison to, Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

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