



BRISTOL BYWAYS COMMITTEE
(formerly Bicycle Pedestrian Committee) Minutes
Monday, October 21st, 2019, 6:30 pm – Town Office

1. Introduction of present members and non-present members:
Present: Jim Albright, Christopher Hall (Town Administrator) Bob Faunce, John Lappen, , Mary Piasecki, Todd Richards, , Chuck Farrell, Sandra Lucore. Apologies: Lindsay Currier (Town Staff Liaison), Emile Lugosch, Patricia Porter (Chair), Jack Fitzpatrick Guests: Angela King, Maine Bicycle Coalition, Kris Poland, Selectperson, Elswyth Strassberger, County Planner.
2. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
3. The minutes of Bristol Byways Committee Meeting of September 16, 2019 were approved.
M T Richards
S J Albright
Unanimous
4. **Angela King, Community Advocacy Coordinator, Bicycle Coalition of Maine**
Angela King, the Town of Bristol's contact for the Coalition, presented several of the organizations outreach initiatives and solutions for making roadways safer for all user groups, outlined in these minutes and available in more detail at bikemaine.org

Legislative initiatives:

- School bus cameras to document motorists' violations
- Hands free law
- Bicycle education in schools (LD470 to be reviewed next session)
- E-bikes classified as bicycles not motorized vehicles
- Educational materials for the public

Assisting communities with demonstration projects:

- 'Imagine people here' which installs temporary changes such as enhanced

crosswalks, temporary lines for bike lanes, bumpouts, etc. Bike racks have been installed with signage 'could you have walked or biked here?' 'Active Community Living Program' such as the 'Kite in Site' installation in Yarmouth. Local school children created kites which were mounted on existing poles approaching a village center, such as RT 32 coming into New Harbor.

Angela discussed working with the DOT; she advised that the 'Complete Streets' initiative is best utilized by towns when there is an approved comprehensive plan which supports the changes requested. B Faunce underscored the importance of the comprehensive plan for holding DOT accountable. The Coalition has worked with DOT on a project 'Advisory Lane', Angela will send more detail on this via email to the committee and details can be found at advisorybikelanes.com

The Coalition is very involved in off road riding; Todd remarked that trail riding is gaining in popularity. The DOT owns many ROW's and some communities have petitioned DOT to allow for the change from rail bed to bike trail. This generated discussion on how to research these, and how increasing off road use could be a win-win for Bristol.

The Coalition works with the AARP on a program 'Age Friendly Community'. The designation is given after an application is made whereby the town outlines it's plans or accomplishments towards improving the roads/trails for older adults. Once the town is designated it may apply for grants.

5. Survey Results

There were 307 responses to the survey and members gave their impressions of the results. The compiled results are available at bristolmaine.org/byways

6. Letter from Bristol Resident

A letter submitted to the committee from a Bristol resident was read and discussed; Chuck Farrell will draft a response and circulate this to members for comment within the next couple of days.

7. Next Meetings: 6:30pm Tuesday November 5th & Monday November 18th 2019 at Town Office

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Piasecki, Secretary

10/22/2019