



BRISTOL BYWAYS COMMITTEE
(formerly Bicycle Pedestrian Committee)

Minutes

Monday, September 16th, 2019, 6:30 pm – Town Office

1. Introduction of present members and non-present members:
Present: Jim Albright, Christopher Hall (Town Administrator) Bob Faunce (Advisor to Committee), John Lappen, Emile Lugosch, Mary Piasecki, Patricia Porter (Chair), Todd Richards, Jack Fitzpatrick, Chuck Farrell, Sandra Lucore. Apologies: Lindsay Currier (Town Staff Liaison).
2. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
3. The minutes of Bristol Byways Committee Meeting of August 12, 2019 were approved:
M E Lugosch
S C Farrell
Unanimous
4. **2019 Bristol Bicycle Pedestrian Survey Interim Review**
Preliminary results were presented; as of today, there are 190 responses. A statistically significant return would be over 200 (10% of Bristol population). Committee agreed to extend the survey until October 15, 2019. Members were asked to assist with the distribution of the printed survey; a signup sheet was circulated and returned to L Currier. B Faunce offered to submit an article to the Lincoln County News describing the Bristol Byways Committee work, and noting the link to the survey.

Chair P Porter will follow up with the RT 66 Snowmobile Club regarding their understanding of the use of off road trails. Discussion of better signage of existing trails led to the suggestion that Steven Hufnagel of Coastal Rivers be invited back for further discussion. B Faunce noted that there is State ROW funding (\$1000/ROW) for the research needed to validate ROW's if access to the ocean is part of the ROW. Kresge's Point was mentioned, and P Porter will followup. C Hall shared that those interested in looking at the town owned land, one could query the registry of deeds with the search term 'inhabitants'.

Further discussion regarding preparation for the Selectman's meeting included some ideas: procurement for bike racks, signage for trails, school to library crossing, temporary speed bumps (legal on town roads).

5. Brainstorm for Bicycle of Maine Coalition meeting

Committee acknowledged the wealth of information in the links provided by L Currier. Most, however, were focused on more urban communities. Questions for BCM:

- Does BCM have experience with rural communities?
- How can we add Bristol routes to the "Find My Ride" map, are there pre-requisites?
- What does 'Act as a resource to local bike/ped committees' entail?
- What is involved in hosting a bike/walk summit as mentioned in the plan.
- Describe the 'Active communities' initiative.
- Does BCM have information on 'Age Friendly Communities'?
- Do they know of funding resources for bike racks, signage?

6. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Monday October 21, 2019 at Town Office, Angela King of Maine Bicycle Coalition invited guest.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Piasecki, Secretary

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Pre-Meeting Addendum

Chris Hall presented a map of the Bristol Mills (tax map 17) with highlighting suggesting pedestrian/bicycle friendly improvements. He asked for volunteers to develop similar suggestions for New Harbor and Round Pond.

Chris discussed how the paving has increased speeds through the village. In response, Bristol will secure 4 electronic speed signs for both ends of Bristol Mills, and both ends of Chamberlain on Rt 32 (thanks to generous Chamberlain donors). In addition, there will be a mobile sign on permanent loan as long as it is moved every 6 weeks. The committee was shown some of the improvement plans: a crosswalk from the Town Hall to the new sidewalk on the water trough side. The sidewalk on the Town Hall side will extend around Lower Round Pond road. The new bridge on Upper Round Pond was designed with adequate room for sidewalks on both sides. Some of these initiatives will be funded by the Bristol Mills Improvement Society. Any committee member wishing to work on the improvement plans for Round Pond or New Harbor are encouraged to speak with Chris.