

**Wareham Bike Path Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2016  
At Wareham Multi-Service Center – Room # 228**

In Attendance: Michael Langford, Dale Scott, Damon Howard, Joan Kinniburgh

Michael Langford called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

April minutes were not available for approval.

**Old Business:**

1. **South Coast Bikeway Alliance:** The National Bike Challenge started on May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The SCBA Team points are calculated through Labor Day for the Awards Ceremony to be held in conjunction with the Dartmouth YMCA Fall Family Festival. Sign up to log miles ridden at [www.nationalbikechallenge.org](http://www.nationalbikechallenge.org)
2. **Minot Avenue Project Initiation Form (PIF):** The meeting with MassDOT to review questions about the proposed budget for this project was held on May 3rd at the Wareham Town Hall. In attendance were Pamela Haznar and Tim Kochan (MassDOT), Jackie Schmidt (SRPEDD), Derek Sullivan, Alan Slavin, Damon Howard and Joan Kinniburgh. The determination was to update the PIF with additional information regarding the public outreach meeting and support for the project, tourism opportunities, and an updated cost figure. The PIF was updated and resubmitted to Mass DOT on May 6th to be reviewed by the PRC on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Wareham Conservation Properties:** The goal is to determine where these properties are located in relationship to the proposed Pathway and whether or not there is an abandoned rail bed that might be utilized. Dale reported an update on the following:
  - **Tweedy & Barnes Property:** At the last meeting, Dale reported that an abandoned rail bed runs through this property, and would follow-up on the location. At this meeting, Dale reported that the Land Trust now owns the Tweedy & Barnes extension. This property extends to the Weweantic River and, while there is a parking lot and the area is walkable, it is not accessible by bike.
  - **Fearing Hill Property:** At the last meeting, Dale reported that the entrance is at Wyndemere Road. There is a small parking lot that might accommodate 2-3 cars, but it's overgrown. No railway passes through this property. Dale to follow-up on additional property information.
  - **Douglas Westgate Conservation Area:** At the last meeting, Dale reported that the entrance is off of Papermill Road. Dale will visit the property to determine where the abandoned rail bed are located on the property.

**New Business:**

1. **Resignation:** Eileen Allgor submitted her resignation from the Wareham Bike Path Committee. To fill Eileen's responsibilities, Joan Kinniburgh will assume the Secretary duties and Michael Langford will attend the quarterly SCBA meetings as the Wareham representative. Michael Langford will begin the process to recruit a new member for the committee to fill the open position left by Eileen's departure.
2. **Liaison:** Alan Slavin will begin attending the WBPC meetings starting in June as the Liaison to the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Kinniburgh