



PBPAC Meeting September 12, 2022

Attendees

Damon Yakovleff
John Clark
Eric Freeman
Ruth
Winston Lumpkins IV
Alex Landry
Emma Scudder
Zack Barowitz
Lindsay Sirois
Liz Trice
Tony Donovan

Guests

Kristine Keeney, East Coast Greenway Northern New England Coordinator

Meeting was conducted online via Zoom. **Called to order at 703pm**

Approval of previous minutes

East Coast Greenway Update

- Overview – 3000 mile route from Key West to Calais
- Gratitude to Maine DOT for signing the entire route
- Website has new interactive map, can plan a trip <https://www.greenway.org/>
- About 35% of spine route in Maine is complete
- East Coast Greenway also promotes connector trails like Mountain Division, part of Maine Trails Coalition
- Chellie Pingree got earmark to fund planning new section from Kennebunk to North Berwick
- Portland has several Gaps
 - Tukey's to Martin's Point
 - Commercial St. to Casco Bay Bridge
- Portland area opportunities/progress
 - Roux Institute area
 - Casco Bay Trail - Portland to Yarmouth, possibly to Freeport and Auburn
 - Yarmouth/Freeport extension of Beth Condon Trail
 - Casco Bay Bridge separated bike lanes
 - Scoped out with BCM advocates
 - Could be in tandem with paving work on York/Commercial

- York 2024
 - Bridge 2023
 - Noted that maintenance on the bridge is responsibility of South Portland
 - At one point bridge had temporary bollard installation due to sidewalk closure, worked great as a bike lane
 - Back Cove Swing Bridge – Potential opportunity, ECG uses similar bridge in Pennsylvania
- Policy work
 - Legislation for Maine DOT active transportation plan
 - Creates active transportation arterial network
 - Legislation for rail trails/rail banking
- Next steps
 - Look at opportunities where new paving allows infrastructure, work with PACTS
 - Monitor paving schedule, see MDOT work plan public map viewer (zoom into Portland and view projects)
 - Kristine is willing to testify and/or send letters of support for projects and policies to City Council (bike/ped coordinator, new infrastructure, etc.)
 - Roux institute – upcoming meeting next Thursday to identify best options for connections
 - Portland section of Casco Bay Trail submitted to PACTS
 - Follow Rail Use Advisory Council process
 - Continue to follow Casco Bay Trail Alliance progress (Sign up for newsletter) [CASCO BAY TRAIL ALLIANCE](#)
 - Brighton Ave. project is not up to 2022 standards. Public needs to push on this, multiple emails, sign-on letters, Council outreach, etc.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Passes unanimously

Officer Elections

- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary Open
- Winston Nominated for Chair
- Emma Scudder nominated for Vice Chair
- Damon Yakovleff for Secretary
- Motion to elect the slate
 - Passes unanimously
- Thanks to John Clark for serving as Chair

North Deering Pedestrian Concern

- Development at Lambert St.
- Concern is speed, unsafe pedestrian conditions
- Have suggestions, looking for support from community
- Bus line doesn't meet needs
- Bicycle conditions in this area are unsafe
- Idea – Have a walk audit?
 - General agreement for this

- More the merrier!
- Ruth will reach out
- Goal to have before October 14 Planning Board meeting. Will target early October.
- Other ideas
 - Flexpost/paint on Washington Ave. to show future crosswalks
 - Narrow turning radii on Washington
 - Construction would start next spring – temporary infrastructure in place during construction
 - Permanent crosswalks in place in 2024
 - Improvements on Lambert and Summit St. to create continuous sidewalks and crosswalk
 - Zoom meeting Friday Sept 16 130pm – Liz Trice has details
 - Also topic on October 14 Planning Board meeting

Planning Board Workshop on Technical Manual September 13

- Have had to do a quick turnaround
- Winston can attend the meeting and read it into the record
- Any other interested members are encouraged to attend
- Will be report back on Listserve and at next PBPAC meeting

September 25 10am Councilor Ride

- Invitations have been sent, route refined
 - Draft route: [Amanda C. Rowe Elementary to Amanda C. Rowe Elementary - Google Maps](#)
 - Start at Rowe School, cut-through suburban streets through Nason's Corner to Ludlow. Take Hamblet to Evergreen Cemetery to UNE, look at Bishop St. connection. Back on Stevens to Capisic, back to Rowe School
 - Winston can translate to a “trails map” using Rive with GPS map
- Considering advance ride to work out any bugs
 - Come up with safety plan
 - Saturday 17th 11 am Rowe School
- Outreach
 - Send one-on-one reminder emails, include updated route description
 - John will contact candidates, D2 Councilor, and School Board
 - Winston D1 outreach, also Allspeed Cycling who are moving to that neighborhood
 - School administrators also good outreach targets

Other items

- John Clark sent out a platform survey for PBPAC to focus on. Had a productive in-person discussion Sept. 7 at Congress Sq. Park. May organize a second in-person meeting to flesh out further. Goal is to use in candidate outreach and help set priorities for PBPAC.
- Listserve will continue discussions of bike share roll out, any other upcoming events, Veranda St. progress

Adjourn 902pm