

2016 05 10 Minutes Bike & Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton

Eliot House, Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:30 pm

Debbie Lundgren, Carrie Allen, Hal Tzeuschler, Alan Felgate, Paul Egan in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Debbie Lundgren.

Minutes were reviewed. Alan moved to accept the minutes, Hal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hal reported that he tried to set up an appointment with Pete Neff to discuss priority routes for bike/ped signage. Pete was not available (on vacation), so Hal will try again when Pete returns.

Status of the Indian River footbridge project was then discussed. BPAC has received a letter of support for the bridge from the Conservation Commission, but has not yet received a letter from the CLCT. Alan thought the Land Trust had just forgotten to follow through and needed a reminder. Carrie reported that Bruce Farmer had requested a third walk-through, with an engineered bridge design, before we present our bridge proposal to the BOS. Paul offered to check with some friends who are engineers to see if they would be willing to draw up plans for us gratis. Paul also showed us a picture of a very simple wooden bridge over a wide creek along Route 153 in Essex. Once again, we are frustrated by the fact that so many simple wooden bridges are functioning in this part of the state, but we are unable to put a simple wooden bridge across the Indian River (so far).

The Shoreline Greenway was again briefly discussed, but no one at the meeting was willing to take on this project. Since we still need to find a member who can spearhead this project, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

The five members in attendance agreed that the 2nd Wednesday or 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:30 pm, would work as a new meeting time, if that would work for the other members and prospective new members who are unable to attend on Tuesday night. Debbie will email the prospective new members (and current members not in attendance) to determine whether either new date would work for them.

The need for a new chairperson was discussed. The current chair (Debbie) will be moving from Clinton sometime in the summer or fall. One prospective new chairperson (Carrie) may also be moving. The issue was tabled until we have more specific details about future plans.

Paul brought maps of surrounding towns to the meeting. The maps showed designated bike routes on state routes in Essex, Madison, Guilford, and Old Saybrook. Hal took the maps to further investigate these routes and to help us understand why Route 1 in Clinton cannot be a designated bike route. Paul informed us that he was partnering with Miner Vincent to distribute his revamped bicycles to people in need of bikes at the food pantry. So far, Paul has donated 70 bikes.

Hal moved to adjourn the meeting, Alan seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes were submitted by Debbie Lundgren.