**Minutes Bicycles, Walkways & Trails Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:00 PM, Spice and Grain

Holly Foster Ingrid Kellas Victor Kellas Therese Mergen Jim Oliver Ray Ryan

Mergen called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM and determined a quorum was present.

Voted to approve the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes with amended March meeting date.

Reviewed the draft budget by Haley and Mergen and committee summary by Mergen. Discussed mentioning new Smith St. sidewalk recommended by BTW Committee and perhaps a mention of Pine St. sidewalks expecting to be repaired when the street is repaired.

Ryan reported that Harmac has offered to fabricate 5 or 6 bike racks with **no labor costs**, only material and powder coating costs. Estimate is forthcoming. Haley provided two commercial bike racks for price comparisons and for budget purposes. Need to be certain mountain bikes will also fit in these new racks.

Mergen asked if we should do a survey? Foster asked what is it we want to know? Response to past surveys has been low. Discussed making a BTW email address and putting out that info on Town Facebook and website and in local free publications to enable people to contact committee with concerns, questions or suggestions. Mergen will ask Haley about this. We also discussed not taking on too many projects at a time so not to get overwhelmed.

BTW Committee is still interested in advertising the North Fryeburg James Baxter Park as a parking area for bikers. There is lots of parking space there, we just need permission. Mergen will check with Haley.

The BWT committee is interested in participating in the Kids to Park Day May 21, 2022 in Fryeburg but we need permission from selectmen to use Bradley Park for a few hours. We also need a partner like Fryeburg Recreation, Fryeburg Library and /or others to help. We previously discussed utilizing Bradley Park for a nature walk and/or scavenger hunt. We also could do a bike safety but time is short so we need to make a plan. Mergen will ask Haley about it.

Mergen is looking into grant information to be prepared for future needs.

The next meeting will be announced on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday [change from Thursdays].

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Holly Foster

Action items:

Gather Harmac’s bike rack estimate for materials and powder coating: Ryan

BTW email address and posting on town sites and local publications: Mergen and Haley

Permission to advertise James Baxter Park in North Fryeburg as a parking location for bikers: Mergen and Haley

Kids Park Day in Bradley Park?: Mergen and Haley

Grant information as needed: Mergen