

Minutes
Bicycles, Walkways & Trails Meeting– Virtual
Thursday, February 18, 2021
6:00 PM

David Kinsman Holly Foster JD Litchman
Meredith McClurg Theresa Mergen

Haley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum.

Introduction of the Committee Members present: David Kinsman, Holly Foster, JD Litchman, Meredith McClurg, Theresa Mergen. Not present were Ray Ryan and Mason Irish.

Haley went over meeting procedures, budget requests, grant processes and the town policy regarding grants. Haley is going to ask the budget committee for seed money to get started. Haley discussed meeting schedules. It is best to have a set meeting schedule and is looking for input. Mergen spoke to having a set schedule would work best. Evenings worked well for everyone. Foster stated the end of week works best for her. It was decided to meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Haley discussed electing of Officers and their roles. It was decided electing of Officers will take place at the next meeting.

Mission statement needed for Committee. Haley took what was out of the 2009 Bike/Ped plan to come up with a template for the Mission Statement.

The Town of Fryeburg will develop an interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure where residents and visitors alike have a safe and convenient option to meet their recreation and transportation needs. The Town recognizes that biking and walking are clean, healthy and affordable forms of transportation that can stimulate economic growth, and as such, will work to create a seamless barrier free network that will enhance the overall quality of life for its citizens and visitors. (As taken from 2009 Bike/Ped Plan)

Committee agrees this is a good start for a mission statement.

Haley took the draft goals and tasks to get started that went along with the 2009 Bike/Ped plan.

The Bike/Ped committee will review the 2009 Bike/Ped Plan and can work in conjunction with SMPDC (funding available) to update the plan as necessary. The committee will seek specific projects, either as prioritized in the plan or based on other relevant factors (RERC goals, funding opportunities, correlation with other ongoing community efforts, etc.) and will explore funding avenues to plan for and build out the projects. The committee may also explore options related to the Mt. Division Trail, the promotion of riding routes in Fryeburg, and work towards developing private landowner relations to legally establish trail networks.

Committee agrees this is a good start.

David spoke about the Mountain Division Alliance. There has been interest in the last few months to bring the mountain division trail to Portland. They are in the process of putting together a new board to bring this vision together. Haley asked for input on what the committee envisions for drafts and goals. Litchman spoke about the 2009 Bike/Ped plan. He would like to see what has been done since 2009. Haley explained a small committee was formed after the 2009 plan, but it seemed to fizzle out. Haley explain the former town manager got the town a grant to connect the sidewalk from Academy to Rec field.

Committee agreed they should wait till the RERC finalizes their report. David spoke that there used to be a lot of trails and paths down off Porter Road, Haley explained there still are, landowner does have some of it posted. Haley will send out some draft minutes and get an agenda out for the next meeting.

Adjourn at 6:38 pm.