

TOWN OF YORK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING – March 17, 2022 - Final

Attendees:

David McCarthy
Jeannie Adamowicz
Brian Ross
Leah Drennan

Topics Discussed:

1. Comprehensive Plan/Climate Action Plan: Dave advised the Committee that he was no longer actively involved with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The current draft includes strategies related to complete streets policy and active transportation initiatives.

The Climate Action Plan will be included on the May 2022 ballot.

2. Event Planning for 2022: The committee identifying biking and walking events to be held in 2022. Events include:

- Biking and walking safety event for Active Living Center – Week of April 26 in conjunction with Northeast Passage cycling.
- Bike Repair event at Library on April 30 in conjunction with Recycle/Repair workshop.
- Ebike Expo featuring local bike shops is scheduled for May 1 at York High School from 1:00 – 4:00. Dave will submit Special event application.
- Kindergarten – fourth grade Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 11 with rain date of May 12 at Coastal Ridge Elementary School. The committee is working with CRES, York Police, and Parks and Rec for this event. Note: The previous plan to separate K-1 students into another event was abandoned for this year.
- Family Ride between elementary schools – May 14 from 10:00 -12:00. Jeannie will prepare special Event Application.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education for CRES third grade students
- Eastern Trail and/or other group rides – investigate meet-up or other methods to schedule rides. These will be private, not Town sponsored.
- VeloKids weekly rides for mountain new mountain bikers – assist with trail work and publicity
- Continue work on York Waves (Stop-Look-Wave) and Slow-ME-Down campaigns.

3. Other initiatives and issues:

- A York EcoHomes active transportation action item draft has been submitted to encourage participants to park the car for short trips.
- Davis Property development is underway with significant clearing. The Committee will work with Parks and Rec and Code Enforcement to assure the required biking/walking trails are included in the project.
- Ogunquit Bike/Ped Committee has expressed interest in a joint “Bikeway Gateway to Maine” project. The goal of the effort is to build and promote safe biking infrastructure for visitors coming into Maine and would involve Kittery, York, Wells, and Ogunquit.
- State Active Transportation Plan community forum and input. Next webinar is April 6. Background information at [SATP SOW.pdf \(maine.gov\)](#)
- Maine DoT Village partnership Initiative. As the process for applying for funding under this program is rolled out, the Committee will work with DPW to assess if funds can be obtained to improve safe cycling and walking infrastructure from the York River to York Corners.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for February meeting were approved and will be submitted for posting on the Town website.

5. Citizen Input: Two individuals addressed the Committee.

Janet Drew provided information on broadband issues in York and distributed and point paper to members. In the future, the committee will more clearly confine the range of issues for presentation to bike/ped issues.

Kiki Tidwell expressed a desire for improvements to Shore Road for walker and cyclist safety. She volunteered to assist with grant writing related to this and other bike/ped funding opportunities. She will also submit her concerns via the DPW website.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 12:00 – York Public Library

Agenda:

Continue 2022 bicycle and pedestrian event planning
Review of Bike/Ped Master Plan Recommendations for updating
Approve minutes
Citizen input – to be confined to bike/ped issues