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Topics Discussed:

1. Discussions with York Police Deputy Chief Owen Davis: The following topics were addressed:
   - Speeding is the number one complaint to police from all road users. The Committee fully agrees. YPD is proposing budgets that include thirty signs for crosswalks and electronic speed signboards/data collectors to help address the speed problem. The Committee supports this proposal.
   - The “Hands Free” law is now in full effect after some initial legal issues that were resolved in the courts. YPD is using electronic boards to educate motorists and patrols are enforcing the law. Consideration should be given to specifically applying the law to cyclists.
   - Joggers/walkers should move facing traffic and cyclists should ride in the same direction as vehicles. This is a continuing problem. Seasonal workers do not always adjust to US laws…nor do tourists and many locals.
   - Kids (under 16) on scooters should be required to wear helmets and encouraged to wear other pads.
   - Cycling groups, particularly in heavily congested areas, can promote good will by leaving spaces, riding single file, and/or taking other actions to facilitate safe passing by motorists. Motorists often need to exercise patience and wait until it is safe to pass with 3 feet gap between the vehicle and the cyclist (or pedestrian).
   - YPD has participated in the State-wide “Vulnerable User Enforcement Day”. YPD will look into how it might participate in 2020. Use of grants is possible. The discussion emphasized the need to promote the event before it occurs, enforce and educate motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and the disabled on how to promote safety, and publicizing the results and lessons learned from the day.
   - The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) sponsored Law Enforcement Collaborative is a partnership to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. They compile bicycle and pedestrian related Law Enforcement Guidelines for local and state police. Dave will check with BCM to determine if the guidelines have been updated to incorporate recent changes to the laws.
   - The Town ordinance prohibiting use of skateboards was created largely in response to irresponsible skateboarders damaging property. The law needs to be revised to allow safe use. Property damage is better addressed by vandalism laws.
   - In the past, grants and donations (Rotary, BCM, the York Diversity Forum Seasonal Worker Program) and the allowed YPD to acquire bike lights to give to cyclists who do not have adequate lighting while riding after dark. The Committee will continue to work with YPD to obtain lights in the future.

2. Upcoming events for Committee participation:
   - Voting Day: November 5
   - Senior Center Active Living Expo: November 9 from 9:00-2:00 at York High School

3. Discussions continued on initiating a “York Waves” program.
   - The goal of the program is to develop a public awareness program to encourage all road users to acknowledge each other with a wave. This would be a public safety program primarily through education and social media. More information is available at riwaves.org.

   Dave will check with the Bicycle Coalition, MDoT, and the Maine Community Spokes network to see if any similar programs have been tried in Maine and/or how such a program could be promoted through the MDoT “Heads Up” program. The Committee will continue looking into the program at the next meeting.

4. Follow up actions:
**Next Meeting:** November 6 at 1:00 at the York Public Library.

**Agenda:**

Updates on follow-up actions.
Discuss a “York Waves” program modeled after a program from Newport, Rhode Island
Approve minutes