

Bikeways Committee
Tuesday July 19, 2022 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (DST)
Harwich Bikeways Committee Minutes

Harwich Community Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:12. In attendance was Paul Gazaille, Charles Walkey, Alain Ferry and Fran Salewski

New Business: Approval of June meeting minutes no minutes were supplied. This item was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting followed with a discussion of Charlene Pillion's suggestions

1. status of crossing lights,

Paul reported the lights have arrived and are awaiting installation

2. status of hydration stations,

Fran reported four hydration stations have been installed and are working. The locations of the hydration stations are the Harwich Chamber of Commerce in Harwichport; Red River Beach in South Harwich; Brooks Park near the pavilion; the CCRT crossing at Rt 124 across from the Pizza Shark

3. repaving of OCRT. The guest at the meeting suggested the possibility of widening it. As he said, it doesn't hurt to ask. I would also like to ask Lincoln to look into how to stop tree roots from spreading under the trail as neighboring trees grow.

Blocking the tree roots is a major problem and it will be brought to the attention of the contractor when the time comes. The possibility of widening the trail was discussed. It was decided the expense outweighed the benefits.

4. Locations of bathrooms on the trail: Where are they and when are they open? If we get the bar code maps done at some point, we could add bathroom locations.

Alain reported he will attempt to get the bathrooms located on the FOCCRT online map. Due to the bathrooms being seasonal it may be difficult to get them recorded on the hard copy maps.

What is the status of the bar code maps? They have been on the agenda for many months.

Alain reported the QR codes should be working. If not he should be informed

5. Ongoing communication with the general public: this is an important area I think to keep everyone informed of trail improvements, etc. whether it's on social media or print media. I do see posts on the Harwich page on Facebook with comments/questions from trail users. Could we set up our own FB page?

The committee member discussed the idea of a separate FB page for the committee and decided against it. There are many Harwich FB pages and Rail Trail pages to post activity to

6. Did the application for a fix-it station for Brooks Park get completed and sent to the CCC?
The Bike racks and fixit stations for Brooks Park and the Community Center have been approved by the CCC. No instillation dated was given by the Community Center director.

7. Communication between members of our Committee: important that we all get cc'd on communication from outside, etc on plans, projects, etc. I realized I should have cc'd everyone when I sent some pictures of sand/gravel on the trail to Paul.
The committee members agreed to improve communication

8. Marking of larger cracks and holes. I see one bad crack has been painted red which is very helpful. I believe we should have others painted too since the repairs won't be completed (due to repaving in the future).
Paul has take this concern as an action item for the next meeting

Old Business: Potential OCRT projects for 2022 . None were reported. Continue to monitor trails for hazards such as mud, dirt, plant / tree matter, etc. - take a picture if you can and email it to Paul he report it to Linc. Is ongoing

Comments or Suggestions? None were offered Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Next meeting scheduled in person on Tuesday August 16, 2022 5pm Harwich Community Center