Sandwich Bikeways & Pedestrian Committee

Date: Feb. 10, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Address: Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich, MA 02563

Present: Committee Co-Chairs: Lee Rindfuss & Kevin Sareault
Committee Members: Daryl Crossman, Peter Marancik, Sean Polay, John Scott, Joshua McGuire
Town Staff: Sam Jensen

Meeting called to order by Rindfuss: 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES
- Minutes for 1/6/2020 approved unanimously
- Polay to send minutes from November, December and January to the town clerk.

MAPLE SWAMP
- Marancik reported that Cape Cod NEMBA proposed a viewing deck for Sam Nye Mountain and an additional access trail for bikes (so as not to interfere with the existing hiking trail). Natural Resources approved the proposal.
- Trails are flagged. Frank Merola meeting with Josh Wrigley on Friday to approve work.
- Cape Cod NEMBA has filed for a $5K grant to build the deck. If the grant is not received, the group will raise.

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM
- Marancik reported that the Recreation Department will have a spring program on Wednesdays to follow on the success they had with the fall program. Polay and Rindfuss to explore volunteering to help.

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION
- Marancik reached out to local rep for some ideas. Discussed building a pump track somewhere in Sandwich.
  - Example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xadq1Bb1kl
- IMBA rep is excited about it, wants to come talk to Natural Resources and give a presentation to lay out all info IMBA has about economics of biking and what IMBA does in general. All about multi-use trails. Also there are grants that IMBA awards to communities.
- Try to set something up in the spring.
ADVOCACY GROUP
- Marancik organized a breakfast meeting yesterday to start a friends committee. Met with John Carroll of Friends of BRT for advice. Process is starting. Myles Ferrick is going to take the reins.

SERVICE ROAD MULTI-USE PATH
- Discussed committee feedback on 25% design plans so far, which was collected by Scott with contributions from Rindfuss, Polay and Marancik.
- Crossman and Sareault to provide theirs by end of week. Scott will send full set of comments to Jensen to be forwarded to VHB.
- Discussed concerns with Route 130 terminus and 8% grade variance near Mill Road. Also drainage concerns that Crossman will include in his feedback.

EVENTS
- Bike Rodeo / Outdoor Adventure Day -- April 5. Rindfuss to reach out to David Collins to assess St. John’s involvement again.
  - Polay mentioned Winter Walk & Roll to School Day was Feb. 5.
    - https://twitter.com/SafeRoutes_MA/status/122534973942632449
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130/QUAKER/COTUIT
- In reference to recent Stantec presentation regarding traffic study and recommendations for improved crossings along Cotuit and Quaker Meetinghouse roads in the vicinity of that intersection, Polay presented ranking of projects according to master plan:
  - From Appendix B of the Master Plan:
    - The recommendations of the Sandwich Bikeways and Pedestrian Master Plan were prioritized based on the following criteria: Safety, Connectivity, Economic Development/Demand, Equity/Vulnerable Users, Cost, Lifecycle Cost, Right of Way, and Planning. Each recommendation was given a score for each of the categories. Certain factors were assigned higher weights as indicated in the “Factor Weight” column. The end result is a weighted score for each proposed
infrastructure recommendation.

- Based on that, here is the ranking of crossing improvements for 130/Quaker/Cotuit area, with their weighted scores included:
  - Project 61: Cotuit Road at Regents Gate, Piccadilly Road and Rectangle Way, plus Cotuit/Quaker. Latter includes consideration of a diagonal crossing with an exclusive pedestrian phase. Also adding bike lanes on all approaches, removing one lane on Cotuit Road on receiving sides, and making left lanes on QMH left-turn only. Also included in this project is upgrading the sidewalk on the west side of the roadway to a full shared-use path, but this is secondary to improving the crossings and intersections themselves.
    - **SCORES:**
      - 3.56 Cotuit / Quaker
      - 3.13 Regents Gate
      - 2.94 Toms Way / Piccadilly Road
      - 2.94 Rectangle Way
  - Project 67: Cotuit Road Shared Use Path from QMH to John Ewer Road. Data shared by Joe Arnao: Within 1-mile radius of town property are 296 residential properties -- 169 are south of any sidewalks or reasonable pathways. Planning for this shared-use path recommendation should be within scope of needed improvements at QMH/Cotuit, especially with respect to committee's desire to advocate for pedestrian access and bike facilities leading to and at municipal properties. 3.31 score
  - Project 66: QMH Shared Use Path. Recommendation is to make the existing sidewalk a full shared-use path from Route 130 to Service Road. For the purposes of this prioritization, we recommend starting the upgrade with just the Route 130 to Cotuit Road stretch of sidewalk. 3.19 score
  - Project 103: Oak Crest Cove Drive sidewalk (and crossing). 3.06 score
  - Project 75: Route 130 and QMH intersection upgrade. 1.94 score

- Polay stressed that this ranking is meant to express the committee's priorities. The committee understands that other groups in towns have priorities too -- especially the school department and others when it comes to Route 130/Quaker intersection, for example.

- Committee discussed Polay's assessment, reached the same consensus, and voted unanimously to forward the list as presented to Jensen and Paul Tilton.
SERVICE ROAD/CANAL PATH CONNECTION
- Getting public support is paramount. Friends group and petition will be key components.
  - Rindfuss: If we don’t start moving on it now, there will be a big hole there for a long time
  - Sareault: Freezer Road. No response from Corps. Will keep trying.

ANNUAL REPORT
- Sareault and Rindfuss collaborating. Will share with committee for review/input.

Next meeting: March 9, 6:30 p.m., at Sand Hill School Community Center

Adjourn: 7:54 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by Sean Polay
Date Approved: June 8, 2020