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Minutes for Bike/Walk Committee | Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom

**Roll Call:** Recreation Director Andrew Rogers, Lucia Foley, Larry Dubois, Ruth Camus, Natasha Matos, Caroline Martin, Marilyn Gass

Meeting began at 6:39pm

A motion to approve March 8, 2022 minutes was made by Ruth, seconded by Marilyn, and approved 7-0.

Old Business:

#### Treks and Events

- a. **Tentative April 24 Trek at Bynan Conservation Area:** Larry reported that no one is available to assist in leading a Trek incorporating the vernal pools located in the area. Ruth suggested identifying and walking trails well ahead of time to plan the Trek calendar and post a schedule of upcoming events. The previewed routes can be walked again closer to Trek dates to assess current conditions. Marilyn suggested reaching out to former BWC members Nancy and Huguette to see if they might be willing to assist with Trek planning on a limited basis. Andy noted that a BWC member will need to follow up to reach out to those who might be able to help.
- b. **June-Aug:** Treks are not planned for June-August due to ticks. We will need to develop a fall schedule.
- c. **Bike Event, May 15, 1-3pm at Buttery Brook Park:** Ruth, Natasha, Marilyn, and Larry have been planning a bike month event that will feature a K-8 Bike Rodeo, safety and repair checks, and information. Partners will include Competitive Edge Bike & Ski, AAA of Greenfield and Hadley, and South Hadley Police. Additional likely partners are Mass. Safe Routes to School, MassBike, and ValleyBike. May is bike month nationally and in Massachusetts.

Ruth talked to Jess Slavin of MassBike about conducting a K-8 bike rodeo. They have an instructor who can conduct the activity and we have put in a request; they will come on April 27 to do a site review at Buttery Brook Park. Length of the Rodeo will depend on the number of participants. Preregistration was discussed, and has been done for similar events in the past. Ruth should know by the end of the week if the project is approved. MassBike will provide stickers, reflector bands, and 20 bike lights.

Andy will reach out to Valley BikeShare directly, as he's been unable to connect with his contact.

Marilyn reports that Leo at Competitive Edge will come with another person for a bike check clinic, safety checks, and recommendations for both adults and children. They will bring helmets, water bottles, and perhaps an adult tricycle. Handouts and discounts on display bikes will be available.

Erin Connors and a colleague from AAA will be on hand with materials. South Hadley Police will be on hand to promote their new bike patrol, and review core ABCs (air, brakes, and chains). Children will do posters to be posted in schools.

Larry will help identify locations of activities and participant tents at Buttery Brook Park to create a site map. MassBike will need to review and OK banner and advertising in advance. Lucia will design a 3x5 banner (sized to fit between fence posts) for display at Plains School/Rts. 202/33 intersection, with a second banner at Buttery Brook Park. She will forward draft artwork by Friday with placeholder logos for review by event partners. Better quality logo art (scalable line art or large, hi-res images) will need to be obtained in order to print. An information flyer can be developed using the same visuals.

#### New Business:

- a. **Walk Mass Challenge Kickoff** event on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 1-2pm at the Senior Center. While the Challenge targets seniors, younger people can also participate and log their walking efforts on behalf of a local senior. BWC has been asked to assist in promoting the event. We have a notice on the BWC web page, and Larry will send an email to our list about the event (also noting that there will be no Trek in April so that people will know).
- b. **Master Plan:** After a brief review of Implementation tasks, status notes were updated and Andy will send copies to all members. For G1-14 Marilyn suggested using a piece developed by Know Your Town (KYT) on historic walks some years ago as a source of ideas for community seating placement; she will seek to locate a copy and check with KYT to see if they want to partner on a project. Andy noted that there was also an effort by the high school. For G1-24 and G2-1/2 bench initiatives, we can begin by creating an inventory/map of existing seating, along with identifying and prioritizing locations in need of public seating.

#### Open items from previous discussions:

Based on input from Conservation and Planning, a grant application on a proposed Alvord to Newton/College/Mosier/Brainerd trail proposed by Andrew Neil will not be pursued at this time.

Identify status of proposed Main Street Improvement Project concept shared with BWC some years ago, which illustrated a separated bike lane in the Falls from the Library to the Rt. 116 bridge. Copies of the concept plans that were shared with BWC to be located.

Explore possible partnership with Granby to identify and develop options for parking at Bynan Conservation Area (entry points/parking options not obvious). Lyman access has no easily located address on Google Map. Perhaps invite some Granby people to join us for a Bynan Trek.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucia Foley, Member