

Transportation

August 23, 2012

3:30 – 5:00

Members Present: Peter Garrett, Joel Greenwood, Elery Keene, Scott Workman, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Scott would prefer waiting to meet with Waterville City Council at a later date. Scott has studied data that says there have been multiple accidents along Main St., and he is interested in obtaining a copy of street design zoning. Peter sees this as the beginning of an on-going conversation with the expectation the councilors will contact team members. The presentation will start with a summary of the collaborative efforts of our group, explain our expertise, and focus on what we can bring to the City.

Not sure if zoning is the word that I used, but zoning plays an important role in sustainable transportation...i.e. the most sustainable transportation is the kind that you don't have to use a vehicle for. If you must use a vehicle for transportation, efficiency is best and that is created by a zoning code that doesn't disallow dense development. This makes it so bus, train, walking and cycling are more attractive options.

Action Items:

Scott: Contact Mike Roy and arrange a date for a presentation on sustainable transportation possibilities in Waterville

Jim: Contact Mike about speaking to the City Council on November 20

Jim presented a document that he has used that shows what public transit has done for the Augusta. If you would like a copy of this, contact Jim at jimw@kvcap.org.

Jim reported that the *Kennebec Explorer* finished the fiscal year with 65,000 riders which is a 45% increase. They are acquiring the Go Maine vans and hoping to continue the service using their schedule. This will add commuter service to the existing bus routes.

Acton Items:

Jim: send time tables to Scott

Scott: create shape files

Joel distributed documents that Chris created: "Subdivision Ordinance Language to Assist with Bicycle & Pedestrian Integration" and "Ten Key Things to Know to Assist with Bicycle & Pedestrian Integration." If you would like a copy, contact Chris at chuck@kvcog.org.

Joel met with Karen Heck and representatives from the Sewell Foundation. He summarized what SMMC has accomplished & future of the bike/pedestrian progress. They seemed enthused by what they heard. The Sewell Foundation might be a source of funding.

Scott & Peter scouted through the north end of Waterville and into Fairfield for a potential bike trail. Scott has discussed bike/ped plan with Josh Reny, Fairfield's town manager.

The Greater Waterville Bike & Pedestrian Action Committee applied for a \$5000 Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for traffic signs indicating the space required for safe riding on the major roadways heading in & out of WTVL.

Action Item:

Linda: Put contact info about Tuesday night bike rides on e-blast & Facebook

Peter wants there to be trails within 5 to 10 minutes from everyone in Central Maine. He is thinking of new trails on the other side of the Rotary Trail in Benton to Winslow, a connection through Oakland to Quarry Rd., and the southern portion of Winslow.

Scott is working on the potential of increasing rail service in southern Maine.

The group decided to move its meetings to late afternoon.

Action Item:

Jim: Invite Ann Beverage, Mark Turner, Greg Brown to the next meeting

Jim: Contact Penny & Sarah Behr about a presentation on the 20th

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 20 at 4:30 at KVCOG.**