

Town of Arlington  
Minuteman Bikeway 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:30 – 9 pm  
First Floor Conference Room, Arlington Town Hall  
Prepared by Brucie Moulton

Attending: Nat Strosberg, Linda Shoemaker, Ali Carter, Christopher Tonkin, Andrew Feller, Joey Glushko, Charlie McCabe, Jack Johnson, Andrew McDonnell, Jock Hoffman, Cecily Miller, and Brucie Moulton

Nat Strosberg asked that committee members to run all proposed event dates by him before firming up plans so that he can check with the Town Manager and others.

Drop Box has been difficult for some people to use. Please feel free to email information to Nat for distribution if that's easier.

Planning is moving forward for the lecture featuring Alan McClennen (scheduled for Monday, May 22), teeshirts, public art, and the end-to-end ride.

Cecily Miller described pop-up art projects being considered for the bike path from Linwood Circle to Kickstand Café. She handed out a description of installations related to butterflies, word pairs, knitted tree sleeves (inviting community participation), and stencils of urban wildlife. A fifth idea described in the handout is to invite artist Frank Vasello to create an installation using natural, locally-found materials. His work has been featured at the Forest Hills Cemetery. An interactive sound installation is also under consideration. It was noted that Arlington High School teacher David Ardito teaches an environmental art class and might be a good resource as well.

Linda Shoemaker reported that the Arlington Center for Arts will be doing a bike-inspired art event in September and October in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor gallery at Town Hall.

Brucie Moulton has reserved the glass display cases in the Town Hall front lobby for June. The display space available can accommodate a wide range of material. Suggestions are welcome. She reported that the Robbins Library information table is not available until December. However, that month has been reserved for the Bikeway celebration use, in case there's interest. We should be sure to release the table if we decide not to use it.

Andrew Feller noted that the historical lecture date has not been set. The talk may focus on the history of the train that ran along the track.

Jack Johnson, Jock Hoffman, and Christopher Tonkin discussed the one-way, end-to-end bike ride, starting in Bedford (free parking) and ending in Arlington. This is a 9-mile, downhill route. The ride will be scheduled on a September Saturday after Town Day,

with the rain date on Sunday. Think of it as a rolling celebration, moving at a “seriously slow” pace. It will start at 9-9:30 am with a reception in Bedford, and there will be sequentially timed receptions in Lexington Center (10:30 at the old depot) and finishing before noon in Arlington Center (Jefferson Cutter House). The receptions are a very important part of the ride and will be open to the public. Town officials should be invited to each reception. Nat Strosberg asked to what extent the ride is being coordinated with Lexington and Bedford.

There was a discussion about where to end the ride. If there is art along the path toward Alewife, then perhaps end at Thorndike Field. On the other hand, that location is likely to be overrun with local sports teams. Ending in Arlington Center at the reception location may be preferable.

Bedford Town Day is scheduled for September 24, 2017. Will this present any conflicts with the end-to-end ride?

A police detail will be needed at road intersections.

Jack Johnson has contacted Mass Bike about its bike valet service and if grants are available.

There was discussion about inviting former Planning Director Donald Marquis who lives in Arlington. Joey Glushko may be able to contact him.

Joey Glushko reported for the teeshirt committee. There will be no children’s sizes, only adult sizes. She has contacted 3 vendors used by local businesses. Only one of the vendors has replied. The least expensive shirt is \$6 to \$7 unisex, 100% cotton, with one color printing. Cost goes up to \$10 to \$15 depending on the number of colors, fabric, and sleeve length. Turn around time is 2 weeks. The next step is to decide on a design in order to get preliminary estimates.

Joey has been in touch with Classic Custom in Rhode Island. Cecily Miller recommends working with a Rhode Island tee shirt business called Mirror Image. Bruce Moulton recommends Custom Ink, the company that made tee shirts for Sustainable Arlington.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.