

MONADNOCK ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

June 20, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Keene Parks and Recreation Center (Room 12)
312 Washington Street, Keene, NH 03431

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Sam Hawkes (Monadnock Cycling)	Tiffany Mannion (BelleCycle)
Drew Bryenton (Timken)	Michael Day (Guest)
Peter Hansel (Filtrine, MAST Steering Committee)	Marrissa Ulmer (Guest)
Susy Thielen (MAST Steering Committee)	
Will Schoefmann (City of Keene, MAST Steering Committee Chair)	

II. Bicycle Mayor Program – Cycle Space

Chair Schoefmann opened the meeting by reviewing the Agenda with the group. Mr. Hawkes stated he would need to leave early and the group acknowledged that. Chair Schoefmann continued that he invited Tiffany Manion who is proposing a project called “Bicycle Mayors” sponsored by Cycle Space to attend today’s meeting. He believed that her proposal fit well with the objectives of both the Subcommittee and also with MAST as a whole. He invited Ms. Mannion to speak.

Ms. Mannion explained that she was submitting a proposal to the Monadnock Buy Local’s “The Local Crowd” grant program to help her jumpstart the Bicycle Mayor program locally. She explained that she planned to fulfil the role of a Bicycle Mayor and the funding she was requesting would cover expenses associated with her performing various duties such as liaising with local police departments, coordinating cycling awareness events, coordinating bicycle education opportunities and more. Ms. Mannion mentioned that she and Mr. Schoefmann had been discussing some components of a Bicycle Mayor Action Plan for the Monadnock Region that would help her Bicycle Mayor programming to align with efforts underway by MAST, the City of Keene and other municipalities in the region.

The group discussed action items that it had developed over the past 6 months and Mr. Schoefmann stated that Ms. Mannion already had a copy of the action items, which she plans to use to develop her proposal. Mr. Schoefmann stated that he was going to write a letter of support for Ms. Mannion’s Bicycle Mayor Proposal on behalf of MAST and that he thought the Subcommittee should add the Bicycle Mayor Program, a Bicycle Mayor Action Plan and support for Ms. Mannion’s TLC grant application to their recommended action items. The group concurred and recommended it formally on a unanimous vote.

III. Bicycle Friendly Business

Drew Bryenton said he had a copy of the Monadnock Buy Local “Bike Friendly” survey that was conducted and would compile a list of the top three (3) and the runners up for the Subcommittee to begin approaching for the next meeting. Jen Risley recently created a survey designed to collect baseline data from employers in the Monadnock Region to learn whether they promote bicycling to work. She sent it

to all Monadnock Buy Local members. Mr. Schoefmann thought the group could work on a strategy or script for approaching businesses for the next meeting as well. The group agreed to address the Bicycle Friendly University agenda item at the next Subcommittee meeting.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at the Keene Parks and Recreation Center (Room 12) from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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