



## L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Lewiston City Hall

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Bob Rand, David Das, Chrissy Adamowicz, William Steinbock, Jeremiah Bartlett

Staff: Ryan Barnes, Kris Bennett, Ed Barrett, David Hediger

Visitors: Chris Beam, Eliza Dox, Shelley Kruszewski, Jim Lysen, Sue Bordwell, Jim Manzer, Mark Cayer

### Introductions/Announcements

- Auburn passed Complete Streets Ordinance

### Acceptance of Minutes

- Motion by Chrissy, second by David, motion passes 5-0.

### Lewiston Rail-to-Trail

- Idea for multi-purpose trail along Lewiston Lower from downtown Lewiston to Brunswick – would be part of East Coast Greenway
- Pan Am still has right-of-way rights/interests over four miles of rail line – would want rights and/or compensation for loss or change of use – single biggest impediment to work
- State portion in Lisbon
- Franklin Company may be a challenge as well due to adjacent ownership and conflicting interests
- Jim Lysen believes that case should be made to deal with Pan Am – was done in Massachusetts
- Need someone with rail-to-trail experience on this matter
- Eastern Trail had challenges working with gas companies (now Unitil), but persevered – on former Eastern RR line
- Sunrise Trail on former rail line – former Governor said that tracks were to be sold, and various restrictions on various types of vehicles to use it an impediment
- SLA now inactive south of Auburn – three years after use terminated to do other uses
- National Parks Service has River and Trails grant for professional assistance on trails – due end of June
- Need to have people and another committee for this item, most likely

- State has requirements for rail with trail which would be an issue with limited right-of-way on Lewiston Lower
- Androscoggin Land Trust is interested, but has one staff person and this is not a core mission, as facility not controlled by ALT
- Healthy Androscoggin is also interested, but has limited funding and staff as well
- A core of two to three people would be best, connected with City staff, etc.
- ATRC may be another viable option for some level of participation, but likely not in any lead capacity
- Ideally the project would preserve the option for rail access
- Snowmobile clubs can really help do maintenance – depending on trail width, all uses could work together – but likely not the place to start
- First step – identify champions before other groups come together as support
- Any support from Dempsey Center/CMMC/Bates/etc?
- Who “got it done” in Lisbon?
- Next steps:
  - Get cheerleaders – ideally, retired with drive and time – look at ALT Board members
  - Shelley from ALT will speak with Julie at Nat’l Parks
  - Lewiston staff will check in with Lisbon on their work
  - Bob will send invitation to group in attendance today for next meeting
  - Will look at getting something into the LCIP (Ed)

#### Lake Street - Auburn

- Narrow right-of-way a challenge
- Do we have two sidewalks or one multi-use trail
- Use of esplanade an issue as well
- More lighting should be explored
- Where are climbing lanes logical or feasible
- Jeremiah to look at possible markups

Motion to adjourn by Bob, second by William. Motion passed (5-0).