

DANVERS BI-PEDS NEWS

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LEASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MBTA SEEM TO BE ON TRACK

After a communication mixup on the part of the MBTA, the town manager received a copy of the rough draft of the lease on September 11. Things should now begin to move forward on the lease. It is thought that by the end of the year there should be an agreement for the Selectmen to consider. Now is the time to let Selectmen and the town manager know that you are in favor of the linear park for Danvers.

BIKE RAFFLE CONTINUES

The bike raffle which the Bi-Peds began in June at Endicott Park Day is still on going. Stop by Western Cycle shop at 22 Maple Street to see the beautiful Trek 7100 bicycle and fill out an entry form. All Danvers residents over 15 years of age are eligible. The winning entry will be drawn on December 15 just in time for giving as a holiday gift. The winner will be notified by e-mail as the purpose of the raffle is to increase the number of e-mail addresses so that when issues arise which relate to the goals of safer biking and walking, more people can be informed quickly and inexpensively. The Bi-Peds will not share or sell the e-mail list.

The Bi-Peds would like to thank Western Cycle for their generous help with this raffle.

Some lucky Danvers person will win this great bike but you can only win if you enter.



**Enter to win this Trek 7100
It's free and easy.**

KRISTEN TARRICONE TO REPRESENT DANVERS

Mass. Highway has set up a Task Force to work with the Border to Boston Coalition to help facilitate the creation of a regional trail from Danvers to the New Hampshire border. Town Manager, Wayne Marquis, has appointed Kristen Tarricone, Staff Planner, to represent Danvers at these meetings. Sr. Planner, Evan Belansky, had performed this job until leaving to take a job in Chelmsford, a community also working toward a rail trail.

The Bi-Peds wish Evan well in his new position and thank him for his help in the past.

END TO END RELAY EVENT

On October 21, the eight towns which make up Border to Boston proposed rail trail will hold an event to celebrate and draw attention to the progress made to date. Each town group is to walk the rail bed in their town, meet the next town group, and pass along to them a proclamation. Each group is to be made up only of invited community leaders. At press time it appears that no group will officially be walking the Danvers portion of the trail due to trespassing and insurance reasons. **The Bi-Peds however invite all interested Danvers resident, especially community leaders, to the trail's midpoint at Camp Dennison in Georgetown (located off Nelson Street from Rt. 97) from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** At that time the symbolic proclamation will arrive and there will be a slide show, short presentations from the communities, and refreshments. It is a great time to meet others working on the trail and learn more about the plans.

It is hoped that this will be an annual event. If the lease of the rail bed is accepted by the town in the next few months, Danvers may be able to fully participate next year. You can help by letting the Selectmen know before December of your support for the trail and by being a member of the Bi-Peds.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORT

How would you educate, encourage, and help homeowners to bring the sidewalks adjacent to their properties in compliance with town ordinances and by-laws?. Laura Cilley, acting as coordinator of the Bi-Peds sidewalk improvement project, is seeking the answer to that question. With that thought in mind, Ingrid Barry and Laura on Oct. 3rd went before the students in the Community Service Learning classes at Danvers High School. If the students choose this as a worthwhile and interesting project to work on, Laura will attempt to keep their ideas going long after they have received a grade for the course and moved on.

BIKE RACK UPDATE

Charles Lincicum, the Bi-Peds board member coordinating the effort to get free Bike Racks installed around town, has sent photos of 12 locations to David Lanes office as requested. He is awaiting word from Director of Operations of Public Works Department as to the next step. The Danvers Bi-Peds hope to assist in this project.

MEETING WITH TOWN MANAGER

Lorraine Dupont and Ingrid Barry met with Wayne Marquis, Karen Nelson and Kristan Tarricone on September 21 to discuss topics of concern to the Bi-Peds. The discussion included progress on the lease and permission to walk on the rail bed by invitation only on Oct. 21. Ideas on how to proceed with the Bi-Peds sidewalk project were also discussed. It was decided that the sidewalk parking problem at 5 Wenham St. should be put on the agenda of the Danvers Traffic Advisory Committee.

T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

No one has too many t-shirts if they don't have one sporting the Bi-Peds logo. Order yours by calling 978-774-8159 or e-mail ibarry@verizon.net. They are \$10.00 each, no shipping and handling unless they are going outside of Danvers. It's a great way to help spread the word.

RAIL TRAIL VISITS

Did you visit a rail trail recently? Send us a brief story of your venture (ibarry@danversbipeds.org) and we'll include it in an upcoming newsletter or put it on the web site. Visit danversbipeds.org and learn how you can add your photos to the site.



VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGES NEEDS TO BE REPEATED

Since the required number of members were not present at the annual meeting to vote in by-laws changes, the vote will be taken again on Nov. 12 during the regular monthly Board meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Members are especially urged to attend the Nov. 12 meeting being held in the Carriage Barn at Endicott Park to cast their vote pertaining to the by-law changes. If you cannot attend and would like to have your vote count, please record your vote prior to Nov. 12th with one of the Board members listed on page 3 or e-mail ibarry@danversbipeds.org. These changes are being made to keep up with changes in the way the Danvers Bi-Peds, Inc. functions. These changes are listed below.

Art. I, Sec. II- Add Inc. after Danvers Bi-Peds, Add the words *and bicycle* after wheelchair.

Art. II, Sec. I - Change six to *ten* and add , *as follows: For individuals and families • Sustaining For businesses and other entities•Corporate sustaining •Corporate proponent •Corporate supportive •Corporate* The classifications of membership may be changed at any time by a vote of the Executive Board.

Sec II - Add the *payer* to and remove *and participation in all group activities.*

Art. 111, Sec. II- Add *Individuals and families* and change *Corporate* to *Sustaining Add Businesses and other entities•Corporate sustaining membership•Corporate proponent membership •Corporate supportive membership•Corporare membership* The annual dues amount for any and all classifications of membership may be changed at any time by a vote of the Executive Board.

Art. IV, Sec. IV - Add *All members are welcome to attend regular and special meetings of the Executive Board.*

Art. V, Sec. I - Remove *the specific number to be determined by vote of the membership at the annual meeting.*

Sec. II - Remove *The President, with the consent of the Board, appoints the Treasurer,* remove the word *authorized* checks and add *to pay expenses incurred by the group.*

Remove *The President, with the consent of the Board, appoints the Secretary,* and remove *The President, with the consent of the Board, appoints the Membership Secretary.*

Art. VI, Sec. I - Remove *the number of* and insert *up to five* and remove *and candidates for those positions.*

Sec. VI - Add *Executive Board*

Art. VII, Sec. I - Remove *by and with approval of the Executive Board*

Art. X - Change *club* to *group*

Art. XI - Add *as amended herein* and change *August 1. 2005* to *June 1. 2007*

Ways to help?

- Become a member
- Be sure your dues are paid
- Volunteer

**THE DANVERS BI-PEDS WISH TO WELCOME
ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AND THANK ALL
WHO HAVE RENEWED**

(Not sure if you have renewed?)

**Check with Larry Tormey, 978-774-6630 or
ltormey@danversbipeds.org. He'd love to hear from you.)**

Change often comes slowly, even for beneficial causes. Membership gives you the satisfaction of showing support for a cause you believe in; safer biking and walking in Danvers and gives you a discount at Western Cycle and Landry's Bicycles. (Go to danversbipeds.org for details). The greater our membership, the bigger our voice. Continue to show your support and encourage your friends to join as well. We are moving forward!!

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR
MOST RECENT NEW MEMBERS**

FAMILY

Bill McKenna
Donna & Ralph Newhall

YOUTH

Jenna Wagner

ADULT

Florrie Johnson
Charles Smith
Kathryn Corley

Florrie Johnson

PROPONENT

Irene & Joe Fazio

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE
RECENTLY RENEWED**

ADULT

Katey Carlin
Richard Parkinson
Kathryn Corley
William Weir
Sandra Theodorou
Eleanor & Albert Corson
Frank Tyrrell
Daniel Bennett
Robert Farley
Mary Kelly
Brian O'Loughlin

FAMILY

Ernest & Debra Dion
Charles & Hildegard Wilson
Robert & Patricia Rocco
Michael & Lori Kidney
Michael Reich
Shirley & John Fraizer

FAMILY

Donna & Ralph Newhall
Albert & Margaret LeVasseur
Audrey & Roger Michaud

SUPPORTIVE

Katherine Cameron
Dawn & Joe Masterson
Laurie & Pj Curran
Charles & Mary Burke
Ed Bruenjes

PROPONENT

Eleanor & Ken Hersey
Diane & Jim Brayden
Charles & Judith Lincicum
Irene & Joe Fazio
Paula & Donald Gates

SUSTAINING

Andrea & Steven Cotter
Peter Maddocks

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**YES! I want to help make Danvers
a safer place to bike and walk.
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name

Address

Phone.....

E-mail.....

(Please print clearly)

\$250 Corporate Sustaining

\$200 Corporate Proponent

\$150 Corporate Supportive

\$100 Corporate
Individuals and families

\$100 Sustaining

\$50 Proponent

\$35 Supportive

\$20 Family

\$10 Adult

\$5 Youth (under 18)

**Make check payable to
Danvers Bi-Peds, Inc.
c/o Larry Tormey
21 Bradley Road
Danvers, MA 01923
www.danversbipeds.org**

**LEARN ABOUT THE LONGEST
OFF ROAD TRAIL IN THE
COUNTRY**

**October 15, 2007
7:00 pm, Carriage House, Endicott Park
Danvers, Ma**

**Bill Steelman and David Read will
present a slide presentation about their
335 mile ride from Washington, DC to
Pittsburg, PA.**

**See what hard work, patience, and
perseverance can do for rail trail
projects.**



**3 Riding Club Road
Danvers, MA 01923**

DO YOU HAVE A BIKING OR WALKING CONCERN OR SUGGEST?

Please let us know about it. Call any board member.

Together we may be able to work on it.

SPECIAL TREAT ON OCT. 15

Two North Shore cyclists to tell of ride from Washington, D.C. to Pittsburgh- all off road.

This past June, Dave Read of Topsfield and Bill Steelman of Newburyport were among the 500 cyclists who completed the 335-mile off-road ride along the C&O Canal and Great Allegheny Passage, the longest multipurpose trail for non motorized travel in the country. This 2007 Greenway Sojourn from Washington, DC to Pittsburgh was organized by the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Both Dave and Bill are members of the regional coalition actively promoting development of the 28-mile Border to Boston Trail in Essex County. All are invited to come enjoy and learn from a presentation on their adventure to be presented at 7:00 pm. on Monday, October 15 at the Carriage House in Endicott Park, Danvers. For more information call 978-774-8159 or e-mail ibarry@danversbipeds.org.

BIKE HELMETS GIVEN OUT

On July 23 rd, Lew Hathaway and Ingrid Barry assisted John Somes of the Danvers YMCA in the distribution of free bike helmets to the young children attending the Y's summer day camp. All the children were eager to get the helmets. Hopefully, they will be just as eager to wear them when riding bikes or skate boarding.

ENDICOTT PARK DAY A SUCCESS

Thanks to the efforts of Matt Duggan, Larry Tormey, and Ingrid and Tom Barry, the Bi-Peds were able to give out 25 free helmets to children and gather raffle entries for the bike raffle. (See Page 1)

**UPCOMING EVENTS,
SCHEDULED TO DATE**

October 15 - Bi-Peds Monthly Board meeting, 7:00 pm, Endicott Park. **Special Trail photo presentation. (See article on left). All are welcome.**

October 21 - End to End Celebration (See page 1)

November 12 - Monthly Bi-Peds Board meeting, all are welcome.

**BI-PEDS PARTICIPATED IN
TRAILS AND SAILS WEEKEND**

Trails & Sails is the Essex National Heritage Area's annual weekend of free events throughout the Essex County area for the purpose of promoting the area and the organizations which host the events.

In conjunction with the weekend, the Bi-Peds sponsored an historic walk led by Robert Farley, architect, history lover, and Bi-Peds member. With great cooperation from the weather, the 2 mile walk held on Sunday, September 30 th started at the Witch Memorial on Hobart St. and included many historic stops.