

## **MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 11/03/2011**

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present were, Council Member Robert Tufts, Rick Owen ,Town Manager, and Citizen representative Gene Ormond.

The Chairman in his report discussed:

The stripping was completed on the 184/194 resurfacing and the State need comply with the request to stripe 12 foot lanes, leaving where possible some additional pavement to the right of the stripping.

An update to the grant received from the Public Health Trust: a meeting was held between the Town Manager, representatives from the planners, and Ted Silver regarding using the grant funds to help look at alternative designs for Greenway extension/connections from the Town to the new elementary school. It was decided that the planners would review the Town's pedestrian plans along several alternatives along with NCDOT's possible plans for the turn lane at the school to be able to assist the Town in completing the Greenway expansion.

Member Doug Owen was unable to attend but sent in this report:

One event coming up in the near future, Dec 4 collegiate cyclo cross race at LMC.

The college has appointed a new director of cycling, Merritt Yackey. He took over the duties last week.

Also the college is discussing a bike event in mid to late April to raise funds for the cycling program. Suggestions and input from the local community is appreciated.

I am working on a bid to try and bring USAC collegiate mountain bike nationals back to Lees-McRae and Banner Elk in October 2013 and 2014. It would fall on the fourth weekend of October each year. Again please ask for community comments, I want this to be more of a community event this time around.

The Town Manager, Rick Owen, provided update information on the greenway, signage and the setting up of a joint meeting with the Town Managers of Sugar Mountain and Beech Mountain to discuss possibilities of combining efforts to create a regional greenway/bike way connections.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Silver, Chairman