

MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 1/05/2012

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present were, Doug Owen, Town Council members Charlie B. Voncanon and Robert Tufts:

The Chairman in his report discussed:

First the Chairman acknowledged the attendance of the two council members to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance and participation.

That the planners from CES Group Engineers have completed the scope of work under the grant. Following a review of the various routes and alternatives for extensions of the Greenway to the new Banner Elk Elementary the Committee deferred any further discussions until such time as the Town Manager can review and meet with the Committee for further comments and input.

Discuss the issues regarding cyclist and the pending Blue Ridge Parkway Management plans being discussed for the future. Information received has indicated that there is no plan to ban cyclists from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Member Doug Owen brought up for discussion the following issues for both the Committee and Town's consideration.

1. Requesting NCDOT to install inverted rumble strips between double yellow lines to alert and notify both vehicle drivers and cyclists as they start to cross.
2. Mandatory helmet laws in the Town of Banner Elk
3. Revisiting the request for the Town to consider a 3 foot law, requiring vehicles, when safe, to maintain a 3foot separation from the cyclist when passing and requiring cyclist to ride single file when cars are approaching from the rear.

After brief discussion it was decided to continue to review these issues and request the Town Manager to attend a meeting to discuss actions to be taken regarding these points.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Silver, Chairman