

## **MINUTES BANNER ELK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE 5/03/2012**

Chairman Ted Silver called the meeting to order. Present were, Town Council member Robert Tufts, Member Doug Owen; and new member representing the Banner Elk Chamber of Commerce, Cindy Broussard.

The Chairman in his report discussed:

1. Attending the League of American Bicyclist's National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. Meeting were held with the staff's of House Representatives Virginia Foxx, Larry Kissell and Melvin Watt; Senators Kay Hagan and Richard Burr. Currently the federal funding is on a 90 day extension and hopefully Congress will pass legislation to continue the funding.

In attendance were 22 people from North Carolina out of approximately 800 representing all 50 states.

2. October 12-13, 2012 in Raleigh will be the first N.C. Bike Summit, more details to follow.

3. The Chairman met with the Town Manager to discuss public involvement with the process to review and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the various greenway extension options.

4. The Town along with Beech Mtn., Sugar Mtn., Seven Devils and hopefully Newland will be meeting to work on greenway trails.

5. The Regional Bike Committee has put out a survey regarding biking, which will close on May 4, 2012.

Member Doug Owen reported:

1. Banner Elk will again participate in the international Ride of Silence on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7PM. More information to be provided.

2. The LMC cycling team will be participating in the Collegiate Championships in Utah this weekend.

There then ensued a discussion among those present regarding the public workshops/involvement about the greenway extension. Ideas, included posting information for an extended period of time either in the fire station, town hall, or the Banner Elk Chamber to allow access to all; scheduling public workshops and various times and places over the summer to provide as much opportunity for the public to see and comment; provide notice to all affected property owners; prepare a written survey.

The Committee wants to thank it's members, Town Manager and Town Council for their presence and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Silver, Chairman