

Newfound Pathways had a Celebratory Ride on West Shore Road on Saturday, Oct 7th.

We celebrated West Shore Road repaving and re-striping.



Newfound Pathways in conjunction with Bristol Economic Development Committee lead the effort with five planning meetings starting in October 2015, with the NHDOT, to ensure that the repaving included lane narrowing to 10 feet to provide a safer path for pedestrians and cyclists.

In summer of 2016, Newfound Pathways produced a video, (Bristol Roads and Pathways which can be viewed on You Tube, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVwCu7EmCN0>)), which was shown to the NHDOT, along with public viewings in the Bristol Library. This

video featured the problems of riding a bicycle in Bristol, and West Shore Road and was part of the evidence to convince NHDOT into action on the 10-foot lanes.

The NHDOT was alerted to the dates of the Lakes Regional Triathlon and NH Marathon, so that the road resurfacing was completed in time for these events.

For the Celebratory Bike Ride cyclists met for coffee and fresh apples at 9.00 am by the Information booth then walked down to the bridge over the Newfound River for group photographs. NHDOT had approved Newfound Pathways to add road marking featuring a Cyclist with Chevrons to the roads around Newfound Lake which is State Bicycle Route 403. This road marking is the symbol for motorists and cyclists alike to “Share the Road” by showing courtesy to each other as they travel the roads.

The riders cycled to the turnaround point at Wellington State Park and returned to the bridge. This was a 6-mile ride. The route was on the newly resurfaced West Shore Road.