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## ***TOWN OF BRISTOL HOSTS INFORMATION SESSION FOR FALL EVENT*** Businesses, Organizations & General Public Invited to Open Forums on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Town of Bristol will be host to a section of Stage 6 of the race route for the ***Montreal – Boston Cycling Tour***. The Montreal – Boston Cycling Tour could be one of the biggest sporting events in New Hampshire history! An estimated 140 plus top cyclists from 20 professional teams from Europe, North America and South America are expected to race in the 750 mile event. The Race begins August 5<sup>th</sup> in Montreal – two weeks after the tour de France – and ends in Boston on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Stages 6 & 7 of the race will be held in New Hampshire on August 10 and 11. **Stage 6 takes place on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** and begins in Franconia and travels south 115 miles to the finish in Concord. *Bristol is strategically poised near the middle of Stage 6* – offering an excellent opportunity for the community to provide viewing areas and events to compliment the race.

The Town of Bristol has decided to be very pro-active in promoting and embracing this event that could potentially bring thousands of visitors to New Hampshire and hopefully some of those to Bristol! A steering committee has been formed and an event coordinator has been hired to help with the planning and promotion of Bristol's part in this exciting sporting event – the goal is to promote Bristol. Ideas are being generated now that are aimed at bringing more people into the community to watch the Montreal – Boston Cycling Tour and while they are here offer activities and events that would promote local businesses and organizations. The August 10<sup>th</sup> event has been named “Bicycles Breezin’ thru Bristol”

A number of community forums are being planned to solicit input, recruit volunteers and partners. The first open meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. In order to accommodate as many people as possible, there will be a 9:00 am meeting and a 5:30 pm meeting – both held at the Bristol Town Office Building. Please attend at whichever time is most convenient for you! At this meeting you will learn more about the event and how you as a business, organization or individual can be more involved and take advantage of this great promotional opportunity. Community input and involvement is needed.

Members of the event Steering Committee include Elizabeth Corrow, Bristol Town Manager; Norm Skantze, Bristol Fire Department; Les Dion, Tapply-Thompson Community Center; Mike Lewis, Bristol Police Department; Karen Schaffner, Newfound Area School District and Greg Gorski, Bristol Shop n’ Save and Event Coordinator Claire Moorhead.

Any questions regarding ‘Bicycles Breezin’ Thru Bristol’ can be directed Event Coordinator Claire Moorhead at [bristolevents@hotmail.com](mailto:bristolevents@hotmail.com) or thru Krystal Alpers at the Bristol Town Office at 744-3354.

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