



Watertown Bi-Ped Committee

Monthly Meeting June 6, 2011



Next Meeting

**Monday, July 11, 7:30 PM
Administration Building**

Minutes of Watertown Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

Present: Janet Jameson, Sheila Fay, Rob Van Dyk, Steve Engler, Sheila Fay, Janet Jameson, Brad Parsons

* Item: Waltham Street Apartments

- Kevin Maley from Wood Partners presented development plans for Walker Pond area
- Current plan is for 147 car parking spots under three buildings and 220 surface spaces
- Current plan for bicycle parking meets minimum requirements, however committee suggested:
 - Protected bike parking area to minimize residents bringing bikes into living spaces
 - More bicycle parking in general especially due to proximity to Charles River
- There are also talks about Stanley Ave. extension to Pleasant Street, committee strongly favors this

* Item: MAPC Bicycle Parking Program

- Danielle Evans in contact with Peter Centola (Director of Recreation) to determine which town department needs to order the racks
- MAPC needs to know the number and types of racks; town purchases and installs within six months, gets reimbursed for racks only
- Committee expressed concern over current state of previously installed racks as many have been damaged, not sure if it's due to installation issues or snow removal issues

* Item: Bicycle Parking Ordinance

- Committee reviewed R. Van Dyk's proposed zoning re-write
- Next step- planning department needs to recommend ordinance to Town Council, which then sends it to Planning Board, which then sends it back to Town Council
- Rob to finish draft and send to D. Evans

* Item: MBTA Bus Service 71/73 Routes Meeting June 20th

- Committee to get the word out regarding MBTA meeting; discussion is centered around current number of bus stops and their locations, not related to trackless trolleys

* Item: Doble Health & Wellness Fair June 28th

- Committee invited to participate, S. Fay to attend, will connect with B. Parsons for supplies

* Item: Grants

- Bikes Belong grant due in August, committee to investigate to see if any current projects qualify

* Item: Charles River Ale/wife Connector Path

- J. Jameson e-mailed Katie, under the impression that the crucial meeting to discuss railroad property is still trying to be scheduled

* Item: Community Path

- J. Jameson continues to pursue funding for mural project along the path; visiting potential funding groups

* Item: Bicycle Mater Plan

- Committee reviewed N. Truesdell's outline, comments as follows:
 - Seems a little light on pedestrian and public transit aspects
 - It would be good to include roadway design recommendations and regional connectivity