



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Tuesday June 2 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz; Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Caroline Bays (TC), Deb Peterson.

1. Discussion of Town Bicycle Pedestrian Plan recommendations: chapter 5.

Committee discussed in detail the 2 chapters on recommendations. General comments included:

Infrastructure recommendations:

- Could be more specific.
- Should be prioritized.
- Too many recommendations.
- Not actionable.
- Wayfinding--outline best practices
- Name major priorities and then sort recommendations into them

Policy recommendations:

- Bottles cute but not functional
- Name responsible party
- Should mention efforts already underway for snow clearance, wayfinding, and other things.
- Develop criteria for decision making.

Laura will discuss with consultant.

2. Discussion about reallocating street space for Covid distancing:

Create Working Group to look into this. Amy will chair. Sheila, Maria will participate. Look at Somerville's process and Plan for street closing. DPW & Planning are discussing sidewalk dining regulation, Town Council very interested. Working toward a letter to Town Council with action steps. Traffic Commission has to vote on any street closing.

3. Watertown Faces Climate Change request for letter:

Andy and Laura attended a meeting of Watertown Faces Climate Change. Follow up included a request from WFCC for a letter from Bike-Ped Committee addressing bicycle and pedestrian access as part of school rebuilds. Andy drafted a letter guided by draft Bike-Ped Plan and recommendations. Andy will send out and we make comments. To be discussed at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday 7/7/20 at 7:30pm via Zoom; moved to 7/6/20**