



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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July 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ethan Davis (chair), Sheila Fay, Maria Saiz; Nick Cutia, Andy Compagna, Peter Keppler, Natalie Truesdell

Guests: Gideon Schreiber

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Bike/Ped Committee Table at Arsenal Farmers Market on July 17
 - a. We will be the community table on July 17th from 3-7pm. Ethan can be there at 2pm to set-up. Shiela can be there from 3-4. Everyone to email Ethan with availability. The big thing at the table will be distribution of the free helmets. Ethan will send out an email on the logistics of getting the helmets. Ethan wrote the tab for potential promotion. Charlie Brightrose is a contact for an online paper that could also promote it. We can also pass out the flyers. Ethan will reach out to Herb Nolan about encouraging a sign-up on learning more or poll of support on the Greenough Boulevard. He may be able to share a board. Share information on the mural.
3. Helmet Give Away
 - a. See above
4. Bike Parking Initiative
 - a. Ethan Davis spoke with the Watertown Community Foundation and they suggested first working through all the town resources. Ethan Davis has left multiple messages with Gerry Mee and has not returned a call back. Another avenue may be to contact the traffic commission. Sheila will contact Newton about their mobile bike parking initiative.
5. Greenough Boulevard Update
 - a. Ethan will reach out to Herb Nolan about the video developed and how it will be distributed. Public Meeting Thursday at Shady Hill School at the Assembly Hall at 6:30-8:30pm. We will post a reminder about the meeting on the blog. Natalie will send out a notice on the meeting to the Wellness group.
6. Green Routes Coalition
 - a. This a request to sign to a resolution to connect the paths across the Boston region. The committee voted unanimously to support this.
7. New Business

- a. Hubway: Athena Health has become a supporter of having Hubway in Watertown. They reached out to Gideon. They are hosting a meeting of large employers in the town, and stakeholders. Ethan Davis will be attending. Cambridge may add a Hubway stop at Star Market which would be the connector to Watertown Hubway. Potential areas are the Tufts/Coolidge Square, Arsenal Mall Area, Watertown square, Galen Street, Pleasant Street, Russos. You need a station within 5 minutes. Gideon noted that a Transportation Management Association is under potential development which include Hubway.
- b. Watertown Wellness Committee: They have received new funding from the CHNA, and are in the process of hiring a coordinator. The objective is to build long term infrastructure for coordinating wellness activities across the town.
- c. Mt. Auburn Street: Natalie will be writing a letter to engage additional support to move re-design forward from town councilors.
- d. Arsenal Park: Dan Driscoll talked about getting the path from the Arsenal to the river. We need an official design. This will require some discussion with the mall.