



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday March 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint, Bob Shay, Dan McKinley, Hannah Rackoff

1. Approval of minutes from February meeting.
2. Bike-Ped Plan: Scheduled to be discussed and voted on by Town Council February 9. Implementation plan to follow. Laura will work with DPW on implementation.
3. Updates:
 - a. Greenough Blvd: Letter to DCR sent from Town Council. Response from DCR: going to Commissioner's office. Next: Follow up w/ Sen. Brownsberger & Rep. Owens on DCR follow-up. Andy will talk to Dan Driscoll regarding next steps. Memorial Drive closure starts mid April.
 - b. Waverley Ave: upper part to be redone (Orchard St. to Belmont St.). Complete Streets planning, public forum last week. Plan: bike lanes on uphill portion. Considering trade off of safety vs driver convenience. Some parking will be taken but driveways and side streets provide off-street parking. Parking count showed only 4 spots being used. DPW Committee Recommendation adopted by Council.
 - c. DPW Director coming to April meeting. Suggested topics:
 - i. Brief history of what we have worked on: Sheila
 - ii. His experience & background working with bike/ped accommodation
 - iii. Complete Streets
 - iv. Snow removal sidewalks & corners/salt laying down
 - v. Bike Plan: what to highlight for him, send to Andy/Laura by 3/8.
 - D. MassBike event: Jesse reported, Bay State Bike week will be in September this year. National League still in May. Pushing bike riding events virtually in spring. Nat. Bike to School Day Sept 5th. Emailed Library about doing something in May at the Library. Waiting to hear back. Each of us do something in Watertown in May to promote getting out & about. Greenway almost finished, may be something we can promote.
 - e. Yard Art: 120 households are participating, look for signs in yards. Map available, Laura will send to town webpage, also try to link to our FB page. Suggest people walk/bike & post a pic on our FB page. Or people can send us messages with pics. 5 sculptures at Commander's Mansion.

4. Development Projects:
 - a. 99 Coolidge Ave: includes proposed path from the back of the property to Greenough.
 - b. 1 Arsenal Marketplace (617 Arsenal St) intersection upgraded by town not developers. Back bike/ped entrance off Greenough, not clear how bikes will integrate.
5. New business: Mt Auburn redesign: 25% plans public hearing anticipated in late spring. Q: need to ask what will happen with MBTA electric buses.

Next Meeting: April 5th at 7:30pm via Zoom.