Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **May 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Meeting Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Mariia Saiz, Laura Wiener (Town transportation planner), Mike Mena (Zoning & Code Enforcement), Sophia Galimore (Watertown TMA), Stephanie Venizelos (Live Well Watertown)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes approved
2. Other Updates:
   a. Mt Auburn Street Design meeting happening 5/14. Important: Finalizing initial concept. E We never got any formal response from the team about our letter. Unclear who is making all the decisions. Bike lanes are continuous in the whole corridor. Not clear on what changes made, Laura has list of changes made and will send around.
   b. Transit & BRT:
   c. Complete Streets prioritization: got in grant: applied for raised crossing at Whites, Warren St Cunnif School mid street crossing, linear path Whites Ave to Winter St, & Watertown St Lions Court to Derby Rd (crossing near S&S).
   d. Dockless Bike Share: coming. Lime Bike says end May, Spin says end of June. Will start at East and go west – 16 communities. Town & vendor developing list of where start bikes start in am. 1 yr contract.
   e. Marshall St contra-flow bike lane: DPW seems to be shooting down the contra-flow lane, but that was the solution to Common St. What is a solution for this issue? Andy to put together a response. Critical component to N-S route.
   f. Police response to traffic accidents: don't know how police deal with situations where cyclists are hit. What data is collected in these situations.
   g. Helmet give away at Little League day: great success, would be good to do yearly, and have more material and info to give out. Agree not to do giveaway at Faire.
   H. Ethan very busy wanting break from chair duties. Discussed option on alternatives. TBC
3. Sidewalk Snow Clearance: prior to hiring of code enforcement snow shoveling on sidewalks done by police. Code officers went to all commercial tenants to alert them about snow shoveling on sidewalks and had them sign a letter attesting to knowing the regs. Also newsletter and flier sent out. This year 40 contacts: warnings and citations. Mike and other enforcement officer go around town after every storm and check. Feb event: 11 fines $1600. Fines paid in Clerk's office, no automated system to collect the fines. $15K in outstanding fines of $20K, $2500 snow fines. Treasurer's office does follow-up on payment. Police & public works enforce residential issues.
4. Bike Event Planning: Live Well Watertown & Stephanie organized. Happening: 5/19 10:30-12:30pm at Watertown Dock. Lime Bike & Spin: bike share programs will be there. Also Common Wheels will do checkups. Bike helmet give away.

Watertown TMA event: Sophia. 5 events planned. Membership oriented. Happen with businesses during Bike Week. Offers connections for bike and drive together. Looking at data for feasibility about doing a shuttle.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 6/4/18 at 7:30pm in Lower Meeting Room of Watertown Town Hall.