



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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## MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **December 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff)

### The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from November meeting were approved.
2. Walking Map of Watertown: Live Well Watertown and Bike-Ped Committee applied to Watertown Community Foundation for grant to create an interactive bike map, but did not get funding. WC Foundation letter seemed to want something more specific. We could potentially gather the routes, then just need graphic design and web work. Routes organized by themes, i.e. historical, cultural, etc. Could be part of Bike-Ped Plan.
3. Stephanie (Live Well Watertown) wants to come to our meeting in Jan. to discuss working together in the coming year.
4. Updates: Arsenal Park plan to go before Conservation Commission Wednesday Dec. 5 at 7 to review 25% design plans. Would like to see a dedicated bike path to avoid conflict with pedestrians in the area. Find out what materials are being considered for path to the River.
5. Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan scope: concern about who runs the process; want to make sure bike and ped access to schools is included; engineering sub-committee will work with Laura to review and comment on scope, and coordinate presentation to the Town Council. Send Laura comments on Bike Plan Scope within 2 weeks (12/16). Discuss plan at next meeting. Collaboration points: vendor choice, presentation to TC, public engagement approach.
6. Updates:
  - a. 25% design of Mt Auburn St approved by TC, engineers finishing design.
  - b. Athena sale went through. Not sure how affects I-Cubed.
  - c. Historical Commission connection: nothing to report
  - d. Walk Boston event on previous Saturday, 12/1: Walk MA Network proposed, creating resources for groups, they agreed to help set up an email newsletter.
  - e. Discussion about snow clearance: Newton successfully passed snow clearance ordinance with help of League of Women Voters. Watertown is the only town within the 128 area that doesn't have an ordinance.
  - f. Wednesday at 2pm groundbreaking for Watertown Cambridge (DCR) Greenway Bike Path, projected completion 2020. Event is at Fresh Pond Cambridge Water Treatment Plant.
  - g. Path along Athena Garage: Gideon has discussed with developer but not sure what can be done. Gideon talking to owner about possibly changing surface to be more accessible for bikes. Still missing--curb cut at N. Beacon Street, and wayfinding signs to get to the river. Discuss at next meeting. Janet to talk to John Hecht about this.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 1.7.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Hearing Room, Town Hall.