



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **February 3, 2020 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, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz; Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint, Colleen Treacy, Lisa Feltner (TC), Peter Centola (Director of Recreation)

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for December and January.
2. Updates:
 - a. 85 Walnut St: still not finalized or approved, going to Zoning Board of Appeals later this month. Good pedestrian accommodation, but no bike lane on Walnut St. ZBA meeting moved to 2/19 (correction: 2/26). Discussion on how bicycle and pedestrian issues can be included in development projects. Motion: to request the ZBA have a bicycle lane on Walnut St. Ethan will write.
 - b. Bike-Ped plan workshop: input from the public meeting is being compiled by McMahon Associates and will be sent to Laura, who will distribute to the Committee. Next meeting with consultants will be with us, April meeting (correction: March meeting). Make sure issues we bring up today are included in the plan.
 - c. Snow Removal & Rec Open Forum: Andy went to Open Forum to learn about volunteer program for snow removal. Greater demand than volunteers. Discussion about how to provide incentives for kids to participate. Marshall Home Fund grants are a possibility. Meeting 2 weeks ago to start working on snow removal, organized by Watertown for All Ages.
 - d. Arsenal Park update – Jesse: sounds like Park is stalled because of issues with Boylston Properties payment. East end will be worked on. Bike path through Park not in the works. Conservation Comm. has custody.
 - e. Greenway extension: no date for when it will be open. Drainage problems have emerged; DCR looking for increased funding to complete. Kevin Duffy, Project engineer is Town's DPW contact.
 - f. Blue Bikes: haven't heard from the State on grants we've applied for to cover 5 stations. 2 hotels have agreed to sponsor a station each. Newton, Arlington & Chelsea also applied.
 - g. CPA (Community Preservation Act) Focus Group volunteer: CPA Committee running focus groups, March 12 evening meeting. Ethan & Maria probably can go, confirm by next meeting. Town has \$5.8 million in CPA funds to allocate. Survey online for CPA.
 - h. Faire on the Square: Amy: planning starts in June and organizer is interested in working with us around bike parking. Amy will follow up.
 - i. 101 Morse St.: put on agenda next time input re: bike accommodation. Look for a meeting about Casey Park.
 - j. Have someone look at the Hosmer & Cuniff school plans to see if bike racks included.

App from League of American Bicyclists: Our Streets, can report issues. Maria to get info on how town partnership would work for the data.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 3.2.20 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Hearing Room, Town Hall