



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, February 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hearing room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone, Laura Wiener (staff)

### The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for December and January
2. Bike & Ped Plan:
  - a. Mark Sedaris said TC will refer plan to a subcommittee, not sure which one, on 2/12. Andy will be there. Planning Dept. will submit Scope of Work. We might submit the letter drafted by Sam. Laura will let us know which subcommittee.
  - b. State of Committee address to TC: Vinny said the chair usually presents to the TC. Andy and Ethan will put together an outline and pass out to us, we send our comments to him. Andy will look for the last report.
3. Updates:
  - a. Newsletter: Brendan sent out a mock-up of February newsletter to send out this month. Include some info about sidewalk clearing as well as Stephanie's info on walking groups.
    - i. Email lists: Sam gave what he has to Laura
    - ii. Committee members to write short articles, Laura & Stephanie to put it together.
    - iii. Will send to Notify Me/Comprehensive Plan list and ask people to opt in. Jesse will help enter names.
  - b. Parking Plan: Laura talked about Parking Management Plan for Coolidge & Watertown Squares, to better serve the areas and businesses. Plan will update meters and technology. Just getting ready to make recommendations, especially after 2 public meetings. Committee was encouraged to give feedback through the survey about street enhancements, bike racks.
  - c. Helmets: Andy will talk to Ethan about how we acquire more
  - d. Arsenal Yard: Building G has been redesigned will be more glass, to support a change of use from residential to office and lab. Area behind it has been opened up so could walk from Arsenal Park to green area behind Home Depot.
  - e. Athena Parking Garage path: Gideon has talked to someone but don't know the result. Complaints from people in neighborhood that vehicles are driving on it. Park area is closed off behind athena, fences across it. Laura will follow up with Gideon to find out status.

- f. Snow removal: Need for culture change around residential snow shoveling. Need to talk to neighbors about need for shoveling. Laura will find out if commercial buildings can be required to shovel under commercial use. Laura will ask Mike Mena what enforcement is happening. Can we get DPW to come talk to us about cleaning the sidewalks?
  - g. Upcoming Events: Bike to Work week early May, Little League opening
4. Sam not renewing his seat on the Committee. Thanked for his contributions. We will miss him. Sheila to talk to Sam about FB page. He'll help when he can.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 3.4.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Hearing Room, Town Hall