



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearing room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz; Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Bob Shea (Watertown for All Ages); Colleen Treacy; Lissa Gifford (Disabilities Comm)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were not sent in December so not approved
2. Development projects:
 - a. 85 Walnut St: approved by Planning Board, still to go to Zoning Board for final approval 1/15/20. Bike lanes on Walnut St: not looking like they will happen.
 - b. BBN proposal: Mt Auburn cemetery wants to sell lot on Grove St. BBN proposal to put in playing fields. Town favors that. Developer has already offered a lot of money.
 - c. 166 Main St was approved.
3. Logo: tabled because main people involved not present.
4. Snow Removal: some complaints in media about sidewalks not being cleared. Recreation Open Forum meeting tomorrow. Andy to be there to hear about volunteers to help with snow shoveling. Strategy meeting with Watertown for All Ages to organize around snow removal ordinance. Vinnie suggested important to bring up snow ordinance at 1/27 Bike Ped Plan meeting.
5. Arsenal Park design – no news on it. Jesse to ask Gideon about progress. Add to next month's agenda if get any info on it.
6. Newsletter: been awhile since sent anything out. Laura will send one out before Public Mtg to publicize it, but also asked for help with articles. Suggestions for Articles: Rep Hecht, Lyme bikes, Arsenal park?, Bike-Ped Plan – Ethan will boil down TC proposal.
7. Lyme not coming back this year because not profitable. Never enough bikes around. Town has written grants for BlueBikes but not resolved. Arsenal St shuttle started today: funded by Athena Health: down Arsenal St to Harvard Sq. Not public – need ID for one of the businesses involved.
8. Bike Valet service for Faire on the Square: MassBike can provide this service, but costs quite a bit. Andy will check with Livable Streets about it. Or could bike racks be rented for people to park own bikes. Could we contact Faire organizer to get involved for next year? Could we do a pop-up bike lane to make access easier? Amy & Sheila to contact Faire organizer.

9. Bike Ped Plan meeting: flyer has a survey that will gather input for meeting. Laura will send out flyer and we can forward to other groups, such as:
 - a. CPA
 - b. Planning Board
 - c. Watertown for All Ages
 - d. Council on Aging
 - e. Town Council
 - f. Transportation Task Force
 - g. Live Well Watertown
 - h. Watertown Faces Climate Change
 - i. WE3C
10. Robert's Rules of Order: discussion about how to run meeting. Time sharing for agenda items where we have more discussion, and chair to clarify and hold lines.
11. Reverse commuting article about Lyme Bikes:
https://edition.pagesuite.com/popovers/dynamic_article_popover.aspx?artguid=86cc13f0-f736-4a1e-9a3e-c33f72a2ec6e&appid=1165. Can we get this data for planning for future needs?
12. Bob Shay: Watertown for All Ages: would like to have a representative from BikePed Cmte at meetings. Will contact Janet first to see if she can do it.
13. This year's meeting dates -- figure out next meeting

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 2.3.20 at 7:30pm**. Location: Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall