



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Andrew Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Visitors: Matt Shulman (Town Engineer) & Dennis Sheehan

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from May meeting were approved.
2. Common St reconstruction: issues raised at last meeting discussed with Matt & Dennis.
 - Counter-flow on Marshall to avoid going to light: think it will work, they want help with education about counterflow lanes.
 - slip lane for bikes going south to Spring: big discussion around this. Not seen as possible. Issue of protected bike lane so bikes can turn onto Spring raised, further discussion coming
 - safe left from Common to Spring St: signalized intersection, so also no need for raised intersection
 - Need better wayfinding: agreed. They would like examples.
3. Mt Auburn redesign: joint meeting with Public Works sub-committee, 5/19 TC chambers. DPW heard complaints from December meeting, doing project reboot. Looking at options for cyclists: ie buffered, protected lanes. ReginaVilla doing outreach and facilitating dialogue. Joint meeting to set up framework for communication, to understand all options that need balancing. Redesign programmed into TIP for FY'22.
4. Watertown Moves Event: Gave away helmets and T-shirts. Good conversations with people happened, lots of kids & adults stopped by. Bike tune-ups happened. For next time: have 2nd bike tune-up station, Brian was very helpful.

FYI: CommonWheels will be at Thursday Farmers Markets

Discussion of other possible events: .Oliver to come up some possible events.
5. New business: DCR Mt Auburn/Fresh Pond report: plaza in front of Star Market redesign became an issue, merchants complain about the loss.
6. MassDOT study of Arsenal St. Lisa Feltner: joint meeting Public safety & Public works re: Arsenal St on 6/12.
7. 1900 House, RR style set for demolition. Historical Comm. wants to save it. As individuals we can send comments by 6/8.
8. Site Plan review: Sam looked over several plans and had these comments:

Arsenal Yards: didn't have time to comment on current changes but did lots of comments on Master Plan.

385 Pleasant St: narrow, next to sidewalk. Will submit comments.

Arlington St: Tatte Bakery to renovate upper floor: has long curb cut in front, hard for people to safely walk across that stretch.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 10, 2017, 7:30PM, LOWER MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

