



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower conference room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff), Colleen Treacy (visitor)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for February.
2. Public Works sub-committee: waiting to hear what date they will discuss the Bike and Ped Plan. Important for Committee members to be present at meeting. Presentation to whole TC: Ethan did this last, will send presentation to Andy. Tricia mentioned our Working Group lists give ideas of what is going on. Tricia, Ethan and Andy will be working group to work on this.
3. Newsletter: Laura worked with Walk Boston to create content, created Transportation Notify Me list, will create content in Civic Send to distribute. Hope to get one out shortly. Oliver and Jesse will look into transitioning list of names to MailChimp so easier to send out. Give local and more general bike information. Maria to check with Jonathan Hecht to see if he would write something about bike safety work he is doing. Goal is to send out every other month.
4. Helmets: Our source for helmets isn't doing it any more. Used to give us 120/year. If we can get idea of cost maybe could approach another business to fund it. Ethan and Oliver will try to figure out costs and possible funding sources. Little League opening day is coming up soon, so would like to have helmets for that.
5. Arsenal Park design: Conservation Commission about to approve plan, funding not yet clear. Plan available on Conservation Comm. website. Need to see interaction with Arsenal Yards access.
6. Snow removal: We can help by communicating about what resources are available to help with snow removal. Add to the newsletter. Collaborate with Disabilities Commission, Live Well Watertown and Senior Center to advocate for next fall. Senior Ctr and Recreation Dept. are working on matching volunteers to help with shoveling. Sheila will talk to Disabilities Commission. Janet will talk to Council on Aging to see how volunteer system is working. Neighborhood App. good resource for people who can pay for help. Hand out info at Faire on the Square.
7. Code Enforcement: Interested in getting info on number of tickets for snow clearance violations issued to businesses. Code enforcement officer: Anthony Mancini amancini@watertown-ma.gov.
8. Vacant position on Bike-Ped Committee from Sam's departure. Members should try to recruit people. Should go in newsletter. Replacement is also needed for Sam on site plan review committee, which reviews new development. Meetings are mornings, a few times/year. Oliver could possibly do it, but can't do March 26th. Ethan or Andy could possibly go.
8. Everett is first place to have both Blue Bikes and Lyme Bikes. Can we find out how? Laura will try to find out so we can think about possibilities for Watertown.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 4.1.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Meeting room, Town Hall