



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **November 4, 2019 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, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz; Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint & Bob Shea (Watertown for All Ages); Minal Tahan, Lissa Gifford

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for October.
2. Engineering & Evaluation Working Group.
 - a. **Bike & Ped Plan input to McMahon: can enter into Google Doc they gave. Upload info by Nov 24th. Photos can be uploaded via the ftp site. Can submit multiple times on Google Doc.** Clear questions. Laura will make sure they get the Tufts report done for us.
 - b. 85 Walnut St/Doble property redevelopment: Ethan, Andy & Laura attended. Old building will go, new building on Arsenal St, parking garage to east. Access via Arsenal St, VHB. Issue is traffic: because increase spaces from 280-400. Developer pushing for life sciences. Mitigating steps: showers, bike parking. Will build bike accessible path/walkway from Walnut to Arsenal. Also talk about reconfiguring Walnut St.: remove some parking and have dedicated bike lane, because gives access to new Greenway, and to HS. To give input we can go to Planning Board meeting: tentatively 12/11/19.
 - c. Belmont St meeting: City of Cambridge plan to redevelop Belmont St, will put sidewalk back in same place. Can't do separated bike lane because of electric bus wires. Trying hard to look at bike access to Greenway
 - d. Arlington St: Matt & Sam came up with ideas for making more accessible. Laura & Sheila to meet to discuss the Nichols Ave intersection, due to safety concerns about Greenway.
3. Watertown for all Ages: did needs assessment for older Watertown residents about transportation. Lots of talk about pedestrian issues, including sidewalk shoveling. Interested in helping us in whatever way they can. They will be setting up advocacy group to go to meetings. Sidewalk clearing is as important for elders same as for children. Also, looking at sidewalks and trees.
4. December 3rd Watertown Square meeting: need pedestrians to show up and speak up. Get Disabilities Commission the info.
5. Logo: Have all the logos together for next meeting and we'll vote on which one is best.
6. Greenway Extension: expected to be completed in the first half of 2020.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 12.2.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall