Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **November 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone, Laura Wiener (staff)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from October meeting approved.
2. Farmer's Market: Small crowd. #1 question about the Greenway extension. For material to give out:
   a. Updates on path plans
   b. Possibly a map of how to get around Watertown.
   c. Walk-Bike map: Stephanie applied to Watertown Community Foundation for grant for map that could be printed and online. Need to get consultant to help with usability.
   d. Historical Walking/Bike Tour – make copies of existing map we can give out
   e. Upcoming events to plan for:
      i. Bike Week
      ii. Watertown Helps Out
      iii. Watertown Moves
      iv. Little League Opening Day
      v. Faire on the Square
      vi. Farmer's Market
      vii. Possibly doing some kind of bike tour: Andy will reach out to Historic Comm.
3. Bike Ped Plan: Janet talked to Mark Sedaris who wants to see our plan. Sam and Trisha distributed possible request for plan. Laura will edit and add info from charter and Comprehensive Plan about need to produce bike plan. Approve submitting after Engineering Eval working group finishes. Any edits or comments should be sent to Sam by end of week, then sent to Andy to submit. Ask to be put on an agenda as soon as possible.
4. Updates & Status reports:
   a. Public Works (PW) subcommittee of Council met to finalize recommendations on Mt. Auburn Street plans. First mtg big issue was parking at Parker St and location of bus stop. PW recommended going forward with bus stop east of Common St with request to look into a drop off space near there. Second meeting big issue was Bigelow St intersection and bus stop. Chose option 2 which puts the bus stop near the Citizen's Bank, with crosswalk behind the stop. Big issue also is loading within the Coolidge Square area. Ask that plan not advocate truck parking in the bike lane. DPW subcommittee approved plan to go on to 25% for the TIP.
   b. Working groups are basically set.
   c. AthenaHealth/North Beacon St path: what had been discussed at the public hearing was a path connecting Arsenal to N Beacon along the back of athena's new garage, accessible to bikes. What was built is not a surface that is bikable, and does not provide connection to the river paths. Laura will reach out to Gideon to get more info.
   d. Arsenal Park: design is going to the Conservation Commission in December. Design should be posted (hopefully) beforehand. Laura will make sure we know when plan is posted and meeting given.
   e. Moving Together Conference: MassDoT just published Bikeability Plan, and finalizing statewide bicycle plan and resource guide. Should have public input at some point.
   f. No update on Watertown Sq plan. I-Cubed funding for the plan still in approval process.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 12.3.18 at 7:30pm. Location: Lower Hearing Room, Town Hall