Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **October 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone, Laura Wiener (staff)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from September 6, 2018 and September 15, 2018 meetings approved.
2. Education & Outreach Group:

a. Faire on the Square recap: Need for posters or interactive items to get people's attention. Conservation Commission had very interactive table – what can we learn from that? Need for space to store things. Possibly have an archive online such as Dropbox. Sam S. will explore. Could the town pay? Have a list of where things are kept.

b. Farmer's Market: Andy & Janet from 1:30-3 or 3:30, Sheila & Jesse from 3/3:30-6. Laura will look around Planning Office for posters, and Andy will look for an easel. Laura to look for Watertown Walking Map. Jesse will bring small helmets. Make a brochure about How to Get Around Watertown, with input from Stephanie V.

3. Comprehensive Bike-Ped Plan meeting: Janet talked to Mark Sideris about process to present to Town Council. First step: develop a proposal to submit to Mark. He will determine when it goes on agenda, and how much time to give it. Janet talked to Nick Jackson at Toole Design Group, they've done bike plans for several towns locally—Salem, Cambridge, Sandwich. Prices range from $50,000 to $80,000. They do public outreach, look at town issues, then present a plan. Sam will edit proposal sent by Tricia. Engineering working group will submit & send out.
4. Updates & Status Reports:

a. PW Committee meetings coming up re: Mt Auburn St project. Need strong showing to support the design. 10/16 (Patten to School St) & 10/30 (School St to Cambridge line). Sheila will send Sam a message to post on FB.

b. Email list from Faire: in past Ethan plugged in list of names to Google contacts, Ethan has PW for email account, Sam will set up a list and include names from this Faire. Possibly use town's version: Notify Me. Jesse will check with Stephanie to see if we can piggy bank on Live Well Watertown newsletters.

c. WalkBoston pedestrian audit of Watertown Square. WalkBoston will look at VHB plans and give input, which might be added to Square project.

d. Sam's Arlington St concept: Sam talked to Matt Shuman about speed of cars on the street and adding a bike lane. Matt: looked at street and said there is enough room for a bike lane from Nichols to Grove, and also south of UPS. Needs to bring to Traffic Commission. Intersection at Nichols & Arlington St will need to be looked at when Greenway is done.

e. NY Bike Lane video posting: Sam posted to FB.

f. Partnership ideas: partner with MassBike to do something with the schools for bike education. LimeBike: partner with them. Possibly map of where riding LimeBike. Laura will send Sam data.

g. CPA: passed in Watertown, Town Manager looking for applicants for CPA committee until 10/16: 4 resident positions available. $2m already available for projects—housing, open space/recreation, historic preservation.

h. Conservation Commission looking for new people. Do they have responsibility for Arsenal Park? [Con. Comm. Has care and custody. Parks and Recreation has day-to-day responsibility]

i. When is Faire for next year so we can put it on our calendars. Laura will try to find out.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11.5.18 at 7:30pm. Location: Lower Hearing Room, Town Hall