



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **October 7, 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; Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint (Watertown for All Ages); McMahon Associates: Christi Apicella, Natalie Raffol

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for September 8, 2019.
2. Susan: Watertown for All Ages: group working around issues to make Watertown work better for older people & improve ability to age comfortably. 2 issues: housing & transportation – which is main issue this year.
3. McMahon Associates Natalie & Christi: urban planners with focus on transportation. Team includes engineers dealing with roads. Focusing on creating a plan that can guide implementation goals: short, medium & long term. Building on Complete Streets & Walk Boston. Who planning for? Thinking about different needs. Looking currently at existing conditions now, both in Watertown and regionally. **Public meeting 1/27/20 at Library.** Plan will be drafted by next spring, then reviewed by TC, us, staff. Assume 1 year process.
 - a. Committee members gave feedback about Opportunities, Challenges & future plans.
 - b. **Homework: send to Laura and Andy ideas of groups or organizations we can get information out to about the public meeting and what it is about. There will be a public survey as well. Take pictures of things that work/don't work/things you want project team to pay attention to.**
 - c. Consultants will attend December Committee meeting to prepare for January Public Meeting.
4. Updates:
 - a. Blue Bikes: Town working with surrounding towns for grant to bring BlueBikes to Watertown. If grant is successful, State (MassDOT) would provide \$80,000, Town would provide \$20,000. Town is also applying for grant for shuttle on Pleasant St under the same program.
 - b. DCR Greenway: target date fall 2020 due to drainage issues.
 - c. Faire on Square eval: people interested in what we are doing and about Greenway, survey results, email lists. People want to be notified of public meeting.
 - d. Development projects: 85 Walnut St., currently Doble Engineering. Open space on Walnut St. will become a park. Will provide a bike connection between Walnut St. and Arsenal St. Plan also provides a new parking garage.
 - e. 650 Pleasant St Arranta Biotech Labspace: want to make connection to DCR path.
 - f. 19 Coolidge Hill Rd: self storage
5. Logo: looked at logo that Janet got from Aramais Andonian. Most people liked the design but would like some modification. Email Sheila with modifications. Tricia wants some help cleaning up her design. Laura to ask McMahon about their design as something to look at, possibly use. Oliver will send ideas of what he likes. NEXT MEETING:
6. **Monday 11.4.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall