



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday August 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Dan McKinley, Amy Plovnick, Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Reappointments: Ethan decided not to be reappointed.
2. Minutes approved
3. Updates:
 - a. Faire on the Square: Dan, Andy, Laura and Sheila met w/ Faire on the Square organizer Dan McCarthy, gave us 2 parking spaces on side of town hall to use for bike parking during the Faire, and will publicize in flyers going out and show bike parking. Follow-up: to see about renting racks or valet, possibly have table there or in community rows. Table rental: \$65. Possibly no table but staff the bike corral and have some posters. Get info on cost to buy racks so have for other events.
 - b. Bike Ped Implementation Plan: Laura: Implementation plan given to TC. Q: on implementing missing links of Watertown Comm. Path. Short term--locate along Arsenal St, long term look at going behind. Request to Town Planning Dept for costs re: long term plan. Bike & Ped crashes: Laura has details from Watertown Police. MassDOT data is vague, doesn't say what caused the crash. Need categories of cause so we can create safer situations. Older people have issues with safety going from cars to stores in parking lots. Town will be implementing SeeClickFix into new website for requests to address issues. Laura will request IT director come to talk with Comm about it. Committee wants to have input on location of new wayfinding signage. Location of new Bluebikes stations, need to make decision by Oct. Sub-comm to help with that?
 - c. Resilient Watertown: Amy: advisory committee meeting last week re: actions. Suggestion: use Bike Ped Plan to draw out a few action steps can work on. Amy & Laura to talk about some ideas to work on.
 - d. Little Greenough: Amy:
 - i. Event possibility: Common Wheels rep interested in helping do an event on Little Greenough: bike repair & rodeo. They would help publicize. Tentatively: 9/18, rain date 9/19. Afternoon. We need to do some outreach and get a few volunteers. Possibly have buttons. Helmet giveaway: get them from Ethan. Can plan outside the meeting since won't be sponsored by us.
 - ii. Longer term planning: Steve Owen and Herb Nolan at meeting that Amy attended. Possibly making it more of a park. Solomon Foundation could help with design and visioning. Steve Owen got traffic study re: closure by MassDOT.

- e. New School Buildings: Andy: need to engage with school committee re: bike/ped access. Laura invited Christy Murphy, project manager of HS Rebuild, will come to Sept meeting to discuss promoting bike and ped. Commuting to school.
- 4. New Business: Farmer's Market Transportation Table 9/8/21 to talk about Pleasant St shuttle. We can put information out. Mt Auburn St redesign: waiting for the state to finish making comments, then public hearing. TIP money aligned with 2023.
- 5. Development Projects: no new projects

Next Meeting: September 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom.