



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday October 4, 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, Chris McClure, Joshua G

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. On-line Work Order System w/ Chris McClure', Watertown Chief Information Officer; came to the meeting to discuss the Town's new on-line Work Order System, through the new website, with links to report problems to the Town. Town's new website is launching after election 11/2/21. There will also be an updated mobile app. Town is still working on the follow-up part of the system, and ensuring that person reporting gets some acknowledgement and information. Chris will work with Laura to make sure input goes to the right person in town. Town building out transparency systems to allow people to get more access to information.
2. September Minutes approved.
3. Faire on the Square updates: Bike parking was a roaring success. Well advertised and well used bike parking. Proves that people want to ride to event. What about for future events? Bike corrals: demand for bike parking overall is there and how do we increase that? Town possibly buy some racks for other events? Families used the racks. Yard Art coming next April, how do we have a presence? Bike tour with kids decorating their bikes? Create sub-group about it. Janet will keep this on the radar with Yard Art.
4. Review of discussion with High School Planning Comm.: Monthly meetings of Police, School designers, Planning, etc to discuss transportation and traffic. No final plan yet. Superintendent is encouraging bus and bike. Question about connecting Linear Park across Main St. down Howard Street toward the river. Laura responded that DPW is working on that section of the path. Dan volunteered to pull together our ideas and suggestions to send to presenter. He will draft a letter for discussion and vote at November meeting.
5. Little Greenough: event was on the same time as a regatta, so may have limited early participation, but after 1:30 more kids and family came. Kids had tons of fun, lots of space to run around and play. Tristan from CommonWheels gave rides and did bike repair – lots of adults interested. Town has suggested to DCR they have public meeting.
6. Bike Ped Implementation Plan: wait till next month to discuss.
7. No new Development Projects

Next Bike-Ped Committee November 8 at 7:30pm due to election day on Nov 2.