



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday March 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Dan McKinley, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff); visitors: Susan Flint, Jamie Burke & Chris Heidelberger

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes of February meeting approved
2. Administrative:
 - a. Facebook page: Jesse is working on changing name on page to Walking and Biking in Watertown, so it will not be affiliated with the City's site. FB has not responded to requested name change.
 - b. Possibly getting new newsletter started. Andy will discuss with City IT department.
3. Yard Art: Janet: Bike ride is planned for 3/27. Planning group working out the route. Yard Art will help advertise it. Working out where to start from. 3/14 next sub-committee meeting. There will be a raindate.
4. Watertown Mall redevelopment public meeting: mostly a recap of first meeting. Plans to expand green space along track. Gideon mentioned that coming across river and Arsenal St plans to make more bike access that will tie into track in front of Mall but then drops off till track near School street. Lots of focus on trees in the plan. Dan to write letter summarizing our thoughts on the plan. Laura to discuss signage with Alexandria so signs point to greenway.
5. Members should review Climate Action Plan and transportation section of it.
<https://resilient.watertown-ma.gov/action-plan> . Survey to give feedback and comments, deadline March 11.
6. MBTA Electrification meeting: Last day of trolley buses is this Saturday 3/13. Planning to scrap them. Planning diesel buses for 2 years until electric buses are ready. Buses to be housed in North Cambridge. Electric buses could have an impact on Mt Auburn redesign.

7. Mt Auburn redesign: no new info except Laura mentioned comments are closed. Greg St. Louis is contact with MassDOT but not clear on current status. Andy & Laura to discuss next step.
8. No new projects to discuss.
9. New business:
 - a. Maria submitted application for Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.
 - b. Snow shoveling ordinance: Discussed at committee meeting in November (Public Works and Rules and Ordinances Committees). Second meeting needs to be scheduled by Committee. Laura wrote up a draft ordinance.
 - c. Highland Ave, near Cunniff School, is being rebuilt. New granite curbing and new sidewalks are being incorporated for the first time. Complete Streets Committee attended a presentation, including Andy, Dan and Laura.
 - d. Meet via Zoom or in person for next meeting? Zoom for April, discuss next month.

Next Bike-Ped Committee Monday April 4th 7:30pm via Zoom