



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: ETHAN DAVIS, CHAIR, ANDREW COMPAGNA, SHEILA FAY, JANET JAMESON, MARIA SAIZ, SAM SCOPPETTONE Visitor: Patricia Hopkins

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from January meeting was approved.
2. Fresh Pond/Mt. Auburn Corridor Study update: from public meeting: Ethan was there. Many people at the meeting. 2 things stood out: 1. Desire to get rid of the plaza parking area in front of Star Market, due to traffic problems and to beautify. 2. Get rid of Brattle merge due to traffic problems. Brattle meet at a T with a stop light. Framing Mt Auburn as a use issue: mode of transportation of all people on corridor from Cambridge line: 40-50% of all traffic. Will be trying to prioritize bus traffic, possibly a bus lane.
3. Watertown Mt Auburn corridor study: wanting to have more community input. Push from the community for more input. Town Councilors are pushing it. Looking at corridor from School St to Common St. Sam presented 4 different variations of lanes: see attachments. Sam prefers buffered one ways because shoulder lanes only used by small number of bicyclists, so to give more people incentives to ride the corridor need more protected lanes. Discussion how these would look. Next steps: Gideon has shared these scenarios with DPW. DPW looking at various issues. To TC: We would like to see another alternative with protected bike lanes. Sam will draft letter and Ethan will revise.
4. Discussion of need for bike extension at Walnut Street: suggested by Barbara Ruskin. Could we ask VhB and property owner to allow better bike/ped access across the property.
5. Discussion of Watertown Complete Street Policy: where we're at: we're signing the Community Compact (on town calendar), hopefully this month Complete Streets policy goes to TC, then should go to MASSDOT. town requested money for Complete Streets prioritization. Hopefully we'll get money once prioritizes set for shovel ready projects. Town has also gotten safety money for design of pedestrian bump outs at Post Office on Main St. Also Safe Routes to School design at 25% for Hosmer School streets area to make safer.
6. New business. Ethan will follow up with Sgt Sampson, Newton bike ped to talk about California and Bridge ST section.