



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Andrew Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone Visitors: Jeanne Trubek, Dan Pritchard

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from June meeting were approved.
2. Mt Auburn redesign: recap of joint meeting with Public Works sub-committee: Comments on protected bike lanes: felt that we were heard about our desire for protected lanes. Reach out for other groups to get ideas. Want more info RE pedestrian input. Would like to advocate for countdown lights for pedestrians to know when the pedestrian signal will come.
3. Education opportunities coming up:
 - Educating at Faire Sept 30: importance of bike lanes, different types of paths, statistics on use with different types, info on easing people's concern re: traffic patterns and process when bike lanes are introduced. Get info from original study on why 3 lanes will work. Frame as Complete Streets and what that means. **Send any gathered info to Sheila by August meeting.** Talk also about improved pedestrian conditions and business impacts.
 - Farmer's Market education: possible dates: 8/10, 9/7 and 10/5 when Landry's is there.
 - Need to get likes on FB page, and comment on Tab site: have to respond as private citizen. Have to mention being on committee and speaking as private citizens.
4. I-Cubed proposal passed: TC approved and next step is to go to State, within next 6 month. Improvements come off Watertown 2015 Compressive Plan; 6 items refer to Bike/Ped items. Projects need to be designed and built in 3 years. Process of applying for funding already ongoing. Public process will happen as moves along.
5. Citizen's Police Academy: starting in September. To give public working knowledge of police policies, etc. Meet 1x/wk for 10 wks at Police HQ. Ethan and Tricia interested.
6. Common St redesign: meeting on Wednesday, 6pm, TC Cmte on PW, Lower Hearing Room. Make sure our concerns are in the mix.
7. Issue raised: Highland St very bad to walk on. Route to Cuniff School. No curbs there so people park on sidewalk, and sidewalk not good. Report issues to Planning Dept.
8. Planning board meeting on Wednesday: Arsenal Yards, phase 2, connection from Arsenal St changed and includes planting strip along garage so path along into the Park will not be tight against the garage.

9. Thursday meeting of Historical Commission: talking about the white house, question of whether deemed historically significant.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2017, 7:30PM, LOWER MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

