



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **October 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Meeting Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz Visitors: Jess Donaldson

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from September meeting accepted
2. Faire on the Square: gave away lots of helmets & T-shirts. Request for lights and reflectors: think rear lights are the best. Look for sponsor. Sheila: contact MassBike around their light drive.
Lots of responses to survey: most important: 1. Bike lanes 2. Traffic calming on main roads, 3. enforcement. Sam wrote letter about speed limit reduction. Steve Magoon wrote back a response: its complicated. Sam has email list. Ideas of what to do: send them an email with Active Projects info, also link to FB page.
3. Mt Auburn Street Design review of Sam's notes: look over his notes and come up with responses and discuss next meeting. The picture has a bus lane but that is due to the demands of the program he used to create it with. The designs on the Mt Auburn webpage: the main ones are the ones up for consideration. Any pedestrian ideas need more support: design looking at ways to shorten the crossing on side streets: however bump outs have conflicts with bike lanes.
4. Bike share: 2 mo ago the town had meetings with companies offering free bike share. Hubway model more transit model. Other model has bikes floating around. Seattle is testing out an example. Met with MAPC and other local communities in area. App based bike distribution system. Questions: re: sustainability of bikes and the companies, quality of bikes, privacy. Boston and Cambridge don't want this since have commitment with Hubway. Lots of thinking on this.
5. Snow shoveling: try to get the message out with ads, newspaper articles, posters? Positive campaign to get people to shovel. Partner with schools, disability commission, Perkins, etc. Sheila to lead.
6. New business: update on I cubed projects and bike ped issues. Athena took to the state and its waiting there.

Meeting talking about Arsenal Park meeting: Oct 11 at Commander's Mansion, open house to talk about options: Jesse will try to go.

Jess Donaldson, visitor: happy with bike & ped stuff done. Note: drivers coming out of Lexus come out without stopping to check for bikes, don't even look. Issue with markings and line of sight. Idea: some kind of flashing light to indicate a crossing. Gideon will talk to Lexus' lawyer. Crosswalks should be protected: School St needs No Right on Red.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2017, 7:30PM, ROOM: LOWER MEETING ROOM

