



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **November 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Meeting Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone Visitors: Lisa Feltner

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes of October meeting approved
2. Complete Streets Prioritization Plan: meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm, w/ DPW, Planning & Development, Police, WBPC, and consultant. Ethan and Andy will attend for the WBPC. Complete Street Policy is on the website.
3. **Mt Auburn St Design. Meeting on the 20th. 7:15pm, Town Hall.** Need to raise the issues of complete streets and the road diet and how they will make the corridor safer and easier for pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders and cars. The things that are the most important for us are:
 - a. We prefer physically protected bike lanes wherever possible
 - b. Traffic calming
 - c. Improve pedestrian crossing with shortening lengthening, better lighting,
4. Update on Watertown Sq Design meeting: options for Charles River Rd coming into the Square. Well run meeting with lots of ideas from the neighborhood. Idea is that closing off Charles River Rd from the Sq allows make better accommodation for a 4 way intersection Sq. Concern is how to prevent more cut through traffic on Irving and the area since neighbors are upset and seeing increased traffic. Next steps: data collection, results probably won't come until spring.
5. Bike Share: There have been two meetings with 15 communities and MAPC to talk about doing a non docking bike share program of self locking bikes. Revere, Everett & Lynn are running a trial program. The group is trying to figure out how to make this work within all the communities.
6. New Business.
 - At next meeting talk about safety on bike lanes/path since NY attack.
 - Lisa raised the question of the sidewalk at Philips and what would prevent vehicles from using it.
 - Also, start to look at updating the Bike Plan, to include pedestrians. We want to be part of an full transportation plan for the town for all modalities.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017, 7:30PM, ROOM: LOWER MEETING ROOM

