



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday January 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Dan McKinley, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener(staff), visitors: Sophia Galimore (TMA), Stephanie Venizelos (Live Well Watertown), Tom Floros, Vasant Marer

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Acceptance of minutes from December meeting
2. Bike event: bike tune-ups were very popular at the events we did in the past. Difficult getting a local bike shop to do it but have used Common Wheels in past, and Sophia has used a Boston bike shop called Urban Cycles. Live Well Watertown has some money to help with this. Last year: 2 hrs/1 person \$150 plus travel time. Aim to have 2 different tune-up stations due to popularity. Date to aim for: May 20th. Time may depend on the bike tune-up folks. Aiming for mid-day to early/mid afternoon. Give away bike helmets: Andy will connect with Ethan on obtaining bike helmets. Or to celebrate the new Vulnerable Users law: give away rear tail lights. Sophia will contact MassBike to see about them providing the lights. Invite Blue Bikes (Laura), Committee: Amy, Jesse, Stephanie & Sophia.
3. Working group discussions:
 - a. Bike Parking group of Hannah, Maria & Dan met. Need to meet again, will come up with some ideas for next meeting
 - b. Janet Jameson memorial: Maria, Sheila, Hannah: met and started outreach to Steve Owens and DCR to talk
4. Development: 480 Arsenal St: Dan has looked at local regs at other towns. Current plan: 11 short term and long term spaces. But zoning suggestion based on Boston's would be 40 short term parking and long term 130 locked parking. Our zoning requires 1 bike parking/15 car spaces. Proposed 2777 car parking spaces proposed for the whole site. Meeting is Thursday. Tom will attend and discuss bike parking. Issues: 1. need to discuss electric bike and cargo bike parking since they need different structures, ie need electric charging outlets. 2. access to the new site is on Arsenal Way that crosses the Greenway that has visibility issues. 3. need access from the north side of the property. 4. pedestrians crossing the Greenway from the garage to the working areas.
5. Clearing the path during the winter, working it out with DCR. Maria will send site review comments to people.
5. a. Meeting with Steve Magoon: Jamie, Dan & Laura met with Steve. Shared frustrations with road projects that have surprised us and not able to give input. Action plan: establish our priorities based on Bike-Ped plan and write a letter for City Council, Planning Dept. and DPW. Working group: Dan, Jamie, Tom Floros, Vasant Marer. Most road reconstruction has mostly been chosen around road conditions so giving input is important.
- b. Dan sent email to Steve re: green paint on Arsenal St

c. Snow clearance on bikeway: problem is there are a lot of abutters and is DCR property. Get City on board by talking to Gideon. Hoping that the developers of Tufts building would help with this.

Precedent: New Balance clearing Charles River path

d. Meeting with City Manager: proposing a smaller meeting with Jamie, Dan & Laura. Email them if anything in particular to bring up.

e. Community Path discussion: right now ends at Irving St, will go to Patten across Mt Auburn, will be done this summer. DPW did the Howard St section: laid down gravel, will be paved once okay from Cambridge.

Asked about connection through Moxley Park, under design now, agreed we will get the plans to give input. Mt Auburn St to library: money allocated for design.

6. New business: email about family bike ride: Andy will be in contact with the organizer to see what our role would be. Would the town support this?

Dan: meeting January 19 for 104 Main St mixed-use project.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

a) Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023

b) 480 Arsenal St. Community Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:30 pm

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: February 6, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Zoom, sub-groups will meet in the meantime.