



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday May 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Dan McKinley, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener(staff), visitors: Lennart Husvogt, Tom Floros

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from April accepted
2. Bike Event May 20th: Amy, Jesse, Sophia and Stephanie: in good shape for event. Watertown dock.
Potential rain date: June 17th
 - a. Volunteers:
 - i. 12:30: Jamie, Dan, Amy
 - ii. 1-3pm: Maria, Sheila
 - b. Give aways: MassBike swag, lights. Andy has maps of Greenways & paths, distances, signup sheet
2. Bike Drive/Bikes Not Bombs: Saturday May 6th, 10-2pm. Volunteers needed. Let Sheila know if you can help out
3. Yard Art: bike tour didn't happen due to rain on both dates. Next year start earlier preparing for it, even if don't have the route organized.
4. Working Group discussions:
 - a. Road construction letter: nothing new
 - b. Janet Jameson memorial: nothing new
 - c. Bike Parking zoning amendment: waiting for Comp Plan to be released, date not set yet, needs final approval from Council.
5. Development: Main St project went to Planning board hearing, more questions for the developers, so another Planning board meeting is needed.
6. Previous meeting discussion: Meeting in person vs Zoom, meet in July in person, go out afterwards, thank you for Andy. Laura will reserve a room. Laura will be away June meeting.
7. New business:
 - a. Dan moving out of Watertown August 1st.
 - b. Laura has asked about increasing membership to 11, waiting to get clarity from Steve.
 - c. Watertown Community foundation Watertown Helps Out. Considered Committee capacity to take on a Greenway clean-up project, with 3 other community events in play. Bike-Ped feels we're overcommitted with the Bike Drive, Yard Art Tour, & Get Out Your Bike Event so not able to organize it this year. Sheila will respond to Will and Nicole about it.
 - d. Publicity for Bike Drive and Event: contact councilors about sending out information about both, and contact social media coordinator.

e. Arlington St. & Nichols Ave. crossing: regarding letter about accident. Issue is right on red violations. We think there should be a dedicated bike/ped crossing. Reality is that people are actually doing a diagonal crossing. Could we do a video to show the actual use? Lennart could possibly help.

f. Shared use paths coming into existence: potential conflicts with pedestrians. Keep an eye out as these are in use.

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: June 5, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Zoom, meanwhile sub groups will meet as needed.