



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower conference room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener (staff), Non-members present: Amy Plovnick, Thomas Michel, Matthew Petersen, Colleen Treacy

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes were approved for March 4.
2. May 6 meeting will be on 3rd floor in the conference room.
3. Engineering & Eval Working Group:
 - a. Bike-Ped Plan is on the agenda for 4/2/19 Town Council Public Works Subcommittee meeting. Steve Magoon will introduce it. Our points to make to them:
 - i. It's in our charter, and in the Comprehensive Plan to update the 2005 Plan
 - ii. Plan will provide guidance to implement new practices more efficiently and effectively.
 - iii. Bike Ped Plan will help us to establish priorities.
 - iv. Bike facilities in town are not connected, plan would allow better network
 - v. Town is growing and plan supplies way to get people out of cars and into other modes.
 - vi. Gives us a chance to look over policies & legislative actions to promote more bike ped actions.
 - b. Arsenal Yards building G Site Plan review meeting update. Meeting attended by Andy, who gave feedback on Bike and Pedestrian facilities.
3. Education & Outreach Working Group
 - a. Events:
 - i. Little League Opening Day: April 27th. Ethan got helmets. 9-12. Need table. Ethan & Andy will be there to set up, Oliver can be there a bit later. Sheila will send press release to the Tab & Watertown News, after running by Ethan.
 - ii. Bay State Bike Week Events (Get Out Your Bike), 5/11-19. Coordinating with Stephanie (Live Well Watertown) and CommonWheels. Materials to give away, collect names for mailing list. Advertise: MassBike, the Patch, newsletters, FB, flyers in store windows and library: all will post.
 - iii. Watertown Helps Out: May 4th; clean up of bike path organized by John Hecht
 - iv. Bikes Not Bombs wants a trailer at DPW. Don't have a collection at our event, at least not now. Laura will connect them to DPW.

4. Newsletter: looks good, and Laura did great job getting it out. Content for next month brainstorming. John Hecht will write an update on legislation. Also ask Sen. Brownberger. Try to get out 1-2 weeks before Bike Week Event. Send Laura some events from region. Lime Bikes back and all electric assist. Update on new sidewalks and Complete Streets update. DCR Greenway construction update.
5. Discussion on committee makeup: how many and administrative responsibilities. Think about for next meeting.
6. New business: snow shoveling program report from Janet: 40 people wanting help, 10 people signed up to help. Natick has people who offer to help within neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday 5.6.19 at 7:30pm.** Location: 3rd floor conference room, Town Hall