



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday September 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz, Tiffany York, Laura Wiener (staff), visitors: Deb Peterson & Jeanne Trubek

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Welcome: Tiffany York, new member.
2. Deb Peterson presentation on working with Watertown Faces Climate Change, representing Joint Transportation Working group of Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C) and Watertown Faces Climate Change (WFCC). Climate Action Plan: Transportation is 2nd greatest cause of climate change, so they strongly transportation goal #1: reduce local car trips by 50% by 2050. How to make it happen? 1. Need places to go within walking and biking distance— a 15-minute neighborhood with services, schools, restaurants, etc, and need a coordinated local transit system with variety of options for getting to destinations. Role of WBPC: 1. Bike Ped Plan but need to prioritize and emphasize its suggestions so get implemented. ie speed limits, Complete Streets: change metrics to include more than car metrics, and fill in network so connections across town complete. Change how do road design so mission and metrics reflect climate goals, ie count number of people moved vs number of cars moved. Redesign Arsenal St to match Boston's redesign of Western Ave, think of as one unit. Sen. Brownsberger interested in helping with the DCR sections. Need for education for drivers and others to understand the new changes in road design. Change mission statement and metrics to shift engineering. Can we do more in the Comprehensive Plan? Also need to change the message to explain that pedestrians and bicyclists also spend money, so show not just about parking. Can we invite the new City Manager to talk with us. Create sub-committee to figure out how to move this forward.
3. Working Group discussions:
 - a. Faire on the Square: bike racks are purchased and shipped, hopefully arrive Wednesday.Faire Day Schedule:
 - 9:30 – 11am: Jamie & Hannah
 - 11 – 1:30: Amy
 - 1 – 3: Sheila
 - 2:30 – 4: Jesse
 - 3 – 4:30: Any

Sub-committee to meet next week. Are there any handouts?

b. Bike Parking group: Focus of group deliverables: Zoning: Parking requirements on private property. Public property, number and location of bike racks. Need to re-evaluate the old zoning requirements. RE: comprehensive plan: helpful for multiple people to bring up points.

4. Development: 490 Arsenal Way presentation: Maria attended and commented on bike access.

5. Community Path: Howard St Letter written by Dan: Committee suggested a few adjustments about illustrations and explanation about crossing at Pleasant St – importance of connection to the river.

Committee approved the letter with the changes.

7.Comp. Plan Goals and Strategies meeting, including transportation. Attend one. Laura will investigate how people can make comments if can't attend either meeting.

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: October 3, 2022 @ 7:30pm via Zoom, meanwhile sub groups will meet.