



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met in person on **Monday September 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Amy Plovnick, Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz Tomas Flores, visitors: Scott Frazer, Shanta Keller

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes approved
2. Live Well Watertown – Stephanie Venizelos: introduction of herself; she has been talking with Jamie, Amy & Jesse about an adult bicycle class, also would WBPC want to have a liaison officially to Live Well, usually meet every other month Thursday at 3:30pm. Cambridge created a cycling program for adults. Paid for by a grant. Worked with balance, bike skills, and group rides: building strength with social skills. Working group to create program for Watertown.
3. Announcements:
  - a. Tom Floros and Jenny Wang new committee members. Working on expanding size of comm.
  - b. New senior transportation manager Zeke Nermel as of 9/25; Laura will be retired fully and not coming to meetings in the future. Reach out to her for thanks.
4. Faire on the Square:
  - a. Bike parking: Location is on road next to City Hall, set up at 10:30am, racks in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall
  - b. Handouts: map of bike routes, get Laura to print them out. Have sign out sheet, and print out with meetings time.
  - c. Sheila to follow up with Tammy about raffle prize, and will send out workers sign up times.
5. Working Groups discussions:
  - a. Road Construction letter to DPW: Jamie, Tom, Vasant Marer: letter from Dan. Discussion: letter a bit more tentative. New city engineer hirer as well, can we meet with them? Any other feedback to Jamie and will send out to them by end of week.
  - b. Bike Parking zoning amendment (Hannah, Maria): part of comprehensive plan – talk with new planner and put on agenda for next month.
6. New business:
  - a. Climate Energy Plan from Andy: sent to Laura but he will send on to all of us. Laurel interested in coming to next meeting to see how we can collaborate on it in the future.
  - b. 480 Arsenal parking garage: Amy was at the meeting last month, 6 story garage and crossing Watertown Greenway. Amy made suggestion not need that big a garage and Planning Committee seemed in favor. Discussion moved to October meeting. Interest in committee writing a letter about this and include some possible alternatives. Amy to draft a letter.
7. Meeting in person: push from some people to meet in person, because new planner and new member not here, wait till October to decide. Voted to meet in person November as long as can get a room. Possibly every other month – something regular. What room is available – would prefer Lower Meeting Room.
8. Next month agenda items: update on Mt Auburn St, change in overnight parking ban, how See-Click-Fix is working,
9. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting, Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:30 pm
- b. Comp. Plan final approval, Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm Council Chambers
- c. Snow shoveling ordinance: Joint committee meeting 9/28/23. Time TBD

**Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting:** MONDAY, OCT 2, 2023, via ZOOM. Meanwhile sub groups will meet as needed.