



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met in person on **Monday December 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke (chair), Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Amy Plovnick, Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz, Tomas Flores, Jenny Wang, Zeke Mermell (new Transportation planner), visitors: Dan Zieger, Scott Fraser

1. Minutes accepted from October meetings
2. Working group discussions:
  - a. Bike Parking Amendment: met with Zeke in November, Planning Dept working with on this. Estimate 6 mo: will go from working comm. to whole bike committee, we can all add comments, Zeke will consolidate comments. We then vote up/down. Then go to Council for public input, they are final deciders. Not sure when/if goes to Planning Board. Zeke will have answer this week on logistics. Q: would Watertown Sq. zoning changes impact this?
  - b. Working group Open Meeting: can only have 2 people on a sub-committee, due to quorum and voting. Can give input to Zeke if want to add input. Also, what is status of increasing size of the committee. FU from Jaime & Zeke.
  - c. Roadway construction/Complete Streets letter to DPW: DPW received the letter. Zeke will connect with DPW to see when letter input can get applied to projects. Complete Streets review committee: who on it? Should be 2 people from WBPC on it. Andy will look for CS policies. Also want to know what policy is regarding sidewalks & how maintaining. Q: are streetlights part of CS? Don't think so but will look into it.
3. Warren St/Cunniff School area presentation: Tom Flores: looking at issues – ie mother hit on Warren St. Street width: 36', wider than needs to be. Cleveland St intersection: no stop signs and can't see left or right so roll through. Suggestions for intersection safety. Tom, Jaime & Zeke to meet 12/15 at 7:55am for site visit during drop off, and then Zeke can see about next step to bring to DPW. What sidewalks does DPW clear near schools?
4. Watertown Square Area Plan charrette feedback: Zeke presented quick review of the whole event. Ended up with 2 designs to go forward with. 2 big public meetings will come up in February and April. Keep up with the website. Schedule partly driven by MBTA Communities zoning. Concern to make sure redesign be done well since will be with us for a long time. Need for more evening time for input. Funding coming from Watertown.
5. City Manager Proakis offer to attend a meeting. Next in person meeting March 11 agreed on.
6. Arsenal Way letter: Amy: project heard before Planning Board. Good discussion about the garage, concern about the Greenway crossing. Push to only build garage as needed.

7. Watertown Family Bike Ride in 2024: wanting planning input & feedback. Paul Morgan. Done in other places in the past. Can we as a city committee work with an outside entity? Andy will talk with Stephanie about this.

8. New items: what is the status of the snow shoveling ordinance: Zeke will find out for next meeting. Discuss City Manager items next meeting. Zeke will send 2024 schedule. Saul from Waltham: rides along river, issue on Bridge St because right on red allowed and block access to river path, and issue for pedestrians also. Raises issue about DPW & city. Zeke is contact to bring issue to other parts of City. Bike racks issues

**Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2023 on Zoom. Meanwhile sub groups will meet as needed.