



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **August 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Andrew Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Sam Scoppettone
Visitors: Jeanne Trubek

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from July meeting were approved.
2. Recap of Watertown-Cambridge Greenways Walk/Ride: organized by Nedi (Livable Streets), Ethan & Andy went along with Rep. Hecht and counterparts from Cambridge; met behind Best Buy – biked to Little Greenough, up to Arlington/Nickels St intersection, following Greenway. Looking at access and how get Livable Streets involved. Lots of discussion on Little Greenough. How to move forward on possibly closing Little Greenough? Ask people at Faire what they think of it? Athena wants to open up Talcott Ave to traffic to get people to their campus. Ethan suggests we focus on that as a good place to offer input. Review I-Cubed plans and see how we can provide input. Q: how they will take in community input, but consensus there wasn't enough from last time.
3. Faire on the Square: Posters with info, do survey on Talcott/Little Greenough; solicit input on protected bike lanes on Mt Auburn; poster about update on Greenway. Helmets to give away.
Posters: 1. What is happening: **Ethan & Andy**
2. Did you know: Redesigning Mt Auburn won't slow traffic: **Sheila & Janet**
- protected bike lanes increases ridership, better for local businesses
3. Hot Topics Issues: **Jesse & Jeanne**
Survey questions: **Ethan**
Bring to next meeting something mostly ready to go so we can take the next steps quickly.
Ethan will sign up for tables. Stephanie might have canopy, Ethan will check.
4. Mt Auburn St redesign: do we want to come out in favor of a certain design? Meeting presentation is online: www.mountauburnstreet.com in the documents. **Everyone look at the designs and come next meeting with our preferences and tweaks.**
5. Complete Streets Implementation: Town Council passed Complete Streets policy in May, now eligible for State funding for CS projects; town needs to create prioritization plan for projects. How do we stay on top of process? Policy calls for creation of a committee to oversee it. Sam will look into the committee creation. We want to have input on the prioritization plan.

6. New Business:

- Cambridge sent out a magazine called "Getting Around" with lots of great info. Look for it.
- Stephanie mentioned Farmer's Market having Bike Tune-ups on 9/21, do we want to participate? Probably not because too close to Faire.
- Watertown Moves event 9/14: participate? Ethan will get info.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, 7:30PM, ROOM: TBD.

