



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Zoom on **Monday February 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Jamie Burke (chair), Andy Campagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Amy Plovnick, Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz, Thomas Flores, Jenny Wang, Zeke Mermell (staff), visitors: Kristy Walter, Patrick Luckow, Sophia Galimore (Watertown TMA), Stephanie Venizelos (Live Well Watertown), James McDermott (staff intern)

1. Minutes accepted from January meeting

1. Update: Jamie pregnant, due in summer, looking for either a co-chair or substitute

2. Stephanie V: Live Well Watertown updates: Now will have weekly walks starting March.
1st week: city. Collaborations:

a. Get Out Your Bike event in May. Small working group: Jesse w/ SV.

b. Yard Art – cross-promotion: Jenny interested in helping w/ Yard Art and Spring Walks. Tentative bike tour: 4/21, rain date 4/28. Sheila to connect w/ Liz regarding dates. Route TBD

c. Bike education program: could be done with videos like Cambridge. Andy to help, also Sophia can support & help

d. Create material to share with bike/walk possibilities: Amy interested in helping

e. Safe Routes to School: school curriculum person Frank – interested in helping getting it as part of school. Tom to work with Frank on this.

3. Watertown Family Bicycle Ride 2024: organizer planning on doing the ride: how can we support them? Spray deck in Filippello is done. Jesse has given tour organizer names of who to coordinate with re: permits and coordinating. Jesse, Andy & Zeke to work on this. Also, possibly coordinate on Get Out Your Bike event.

4. Working Groups discussions:

a. Bike Parking Amendment: Maria & Hannah met with Zeke & James (intern) on bike parking: making sure racks are placed usably, kept clear from snow, etc.

James: presentation on updating bike parking regs, and comparing other municipalities. Comments to Zeke.

- b. Cunniff School streets walk still in planning
 - c. DPW update: new staff in place
5. WBPC – how to promote pedestrian advocacy and possibly including disabilities advocacy & connect with their committee. Could it be one committee member's focus?
 6. Traffic Commission representative from WBPC – suggested by City Manager Proakis as voting member. Needs be confirmed by City Council and when? Meets monthly, looks like 4th Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Tom interested but schedule is difficult.
 7. Meeting with City Manager Proakis: items in January minutes. How can we help him & work better. If have public present, how handle people talk?
 8. Bike Racks Art selection committee: Maria and Andy voted in as reps.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Open Meeting/Ethics/Public Records Training for Boards/Commissions/Committees, February 6, 2024, at 6:30pm at Watertown Free Public Library (Watertown Savings Bank Meeting Room)
- Watertown Square Area Plan Public Meeting, February 29, 2024, 6:30pm at 64 Pleasant Street

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: March 11, 2024, with City Manager George Proakis in-person at City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room (note: 1 week later due to Primary Elections Day)