



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, chair, Andrew Compagna, Sheila Fay, Janet Jameson, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppetone Visitor: Jennifer Hopkins

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from February meeting were approved.
2. Bay State Bike Week May 13-21: Stephanie from Live Well Watertown. Possibly repeat Watertown Moves along the river. Do an event on Sunday 14th 2-4pm. Ask CommonWheels to setup a fix station: encourage people get started on riding. Do Meet Ups during week for riding into town.
3. Discussion re: trees along Linear Park: from Susan Falkoff message. Along Linear Park property line, a number of large trees cut down because Cambridge thought they were getting into the aqueduct. Cambridge has owned the land since 1880s. Community members are concerned. 21 cut down, some quite large. Our new community path between Howard & Main St will go over some of their aqueduct. Q: re trail placement along it.
4. Snow Removal: Code Enforcement Officer: Tony Mancini initial report: beginning to ticket for improper enforcement of snow removal. Started in January. Reporting to enforcement officer: working on way to do it. App: Commonwealth Connect/See-Click-Fix can report cars blocking sidewalks. Would like a report on how many tickets were issued this year. Maria will ask Tony about that. Zoning phone number at Town Hall. Greenway not plowed: DCR responsibility. Trying to get local businesses to work with DCR to clear it.
5. Accident stats: Sgt Sampson didn't return email till last week. Not much info. Ethan will meet with him week of March 24. We want to know what factors are considered when police officer involves at accident with pedestrian or bicyclist. What is the training officers get when looking at bike/ped and automobiles accidents? Are they investigated differently because there is usually no insurance involved with the bicyclist/ped? Work with the Police to get to Vision Zero: form partnership to mitigate injuries/collisions. Want information on difficult areas to feed into possible redesign of hot spots.
6. Mt Auburn St redesign: Sam sent letter on behalf of committee to Town Councilors. Talk to Aaron about next step to address our concerns. Ethan to do.
7. Hosmer School Boylston St safety grant meeting: March 15 7pm Hosmer School Auditorium, hosted by MassDot

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY APRIL 3, 2017, LOWER MEETING ROOM