



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **Monday, April 3, 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, Jesse Hammond, Trisha Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppetone Visitors: Livable Streets Nidhi Gulati, Jeanne Trubek, Lisa Feltner (Town Council)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from March meeting were approved.
2. Connector and Path to Arsenal Park: Arsenal Yards and Harvard Vanguard on other side, only 200 yards to connect through Park, part of regional connector to the Minuteman and Charles River. Nidhi manages LS Emerald Pathways, working w/ Gideon to include all the parties to get buy in, including: Recreation, Commander's Mansion, Boylston, Harvard Vanguard, DPW. MassDot connecting Arsenal St corridor: so wrote letter re: connecting the spur to the Park as regional connector. Been a long process. We have bike path connection on Boylston property that is on their Master Plan. Now fine tuning around some parking issues w/ Harvard Vanguard. Hopefully getting a redesign of Talcott/Greenough/N Beacon to make it safer, part of Arsenal on Charles design.
3. Watertown Police department meeting: Ethan & Sgt Sampson. Willing to provide accident statistics, usually come monthly. We are interested in looking for hot spots for accidents. Police summaries not very detailed, but we can potentially request more information from him. More serious injuries might still have investigations pending. 3 E's of traffic: Engineering, Education and Enforcement. Possibly go to Citizen's Police Academy in the fall. Possibly do light give away and or education. Also awareness that low income people not be targeted for enforcement.
4. Movement by Town to lower the town speed limit to 25mph. Traffic commission meeting attendance – 1:30pm. If requested they can meet in evening.
5. Complete Streets update: CS policy has not yet been approved by TC. Without it can't get funding. Planning to commit to do it and move forward, but other items have kicked it off agenda. Prioritization plan for implementation: can the committee be involved? Reach out to Comm. Devel and DPW re: process. Send copy to TC president as well – Sam will do.
6. Bay State Bike Week: planning do event: host table outside W Square: helmet & T shirt giveaway, along with bike tune up. Bike tour. May 14 2-4. June will reach out to stop & shop.
7. Code Enforcement Officer: invite him to come to a meeting: Tony Mancini but he doesn't work Mondays.

8. Community Path update: funding allocated for design of part of the path in Town Capital Improvement Plan. Irving to Taylor to Baptist Walk to Saltonstall.
9. Event: Watertown Helps Out: May 6th.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY MAY 1, 2017, LOWER MEETING ROOM

