



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met on Monday, **July 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Lower Meeting Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. Present: Ethan Davis, Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Oliver Rick, Maria Saiz, Sam Scoppettone, Laura Wiener (Town transportation planner), Lisa Feltner (visitor)

The following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes of June, 2018 approved.
2. Reorganization & forming new committees: Andy proposed creating working groups to advance projects between meetings. Laura organized items into 5E's from League of American Bicyclists (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation and Planning). Create a structure to talk between meetings and report back to Committee. **People will look through the lists done by Laura and Andy, and comment on structure and what to be involved in. Send input to Andy and Laura.** Need to also include pedestrian issues as well as bicycling. Pedestrian issues include thinking about encouraging use of public space. Possibly have separate group for pedestrian issues. **Think about how many people can be on each sub group.** Laura would be conduit to town structure.
3. Bike and Ped Plan: Andy summary: Previous plan, from 2002, focused exclusively on infrastructure. Q: Is there funding available? MAPC does bike plans, has done regional plan and will do fee for service plan. Tomorrow's TC meeting will refer to Committee how to use money from transportation infrastructure fund. Can we broaden plan to include education, etc. as part of proposal? Plan should include a follow-up and evaluation process. Sam can identify some consultants that specialize in bike/ped planning. Alta did consulting on Complete Streets prioritization plan, people liked what they did. Lisa mentioned: would be good to also have idea of what streets bicyclists like to use, and how we fit into regional plan. The more aspects we have included, better plan and won't have to re-invent wheel over and over again. Watertown doesn't have overall transportation plan. **Email ideas of what a good bike plan would include, and if we could have a transportation plan what would it include. Working group: Sam, Janet, Tricia, Maria. Copy Laura on emails to the group.**
4. Watertown Sq. Improvement meeting: tomorrow at Town Library, 4-7pm. Will be open house meeting, including new data on traffic counts.
5. Farmer's Market: Stephanie (Live Well Watertown) has invited Committee to have a table at the Farmers Market. Available dates are Aug 2, 3:30 on, 8/16 possibly with TMA; 10/4 with town staff. Education/Encouragement Committee should take the lead and develop materials and strategy that can be used at this and other events, including Faire in the Square (9/22). **Andy, Ethan, Jesse and Sheila to form an ad hoc committee to create basic plan and info.**
6. New legislation: Sen. Brownsberger's Vulnerable Road User's plan has passed the Senate.
7. Meeting adjourned to The Talk to celebrate passing of the chair from Ethan to Andy. No business was transacted.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 8.6.18 at 7:30pm. Location: Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall