



TOWN OF MADISON

CONNECTICUT

AD-HOC BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Unapproved minutes of the March 3, 2020 Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting called to order by Virginia Raff 7:05 PM

Notetaker Lynn Stechschulte

Attendance: David Anderson, Bruce Beebe, Ellen Weiss, Lianne Herdle, Virginia Raff, Sam Hauser, Isaac Lerner, David Tommaso, Lynn Stechschulte, Toni Davis

Guests: Anna Steffan, Barbara Yaeger, and Jeanne Morrissey

AGENDA

Agenda for Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:00 pm at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room B

1. Guests welcome/ public comments/Chair's comments
2. Committee membership Ginny
Three additional
3. Minutes/notes of last meeting
Approved with corrections. Will resend notes.
4. Complete Streets Ellen
Ellen's working on getting form from Public Works. Plan is to present to Board of Selectmen in April.

Tunxis walkway is done - will be reopened this week.

Public works engineering working with consultant on Bradley Road. Pedestrian signage and map of area will be included in efforts as you leave the train station.

Golf course is doing irrigation project and is interested in a side path on west Wharf road. We'll provide specs on what we believe it should be - their contractor will quote and board will determine path forward.

5. Bike Friendly Community application Bruce

It was submitted. No updates. Awaiting feedback.

Proposal to spend a large part of a future meeting sorting through application before next submission

6. Outreach and Safety Education Lianne, David A.

Road Safety Assessment

(Safe Routes to Schools) Bike to School Day

Newsletter sent for feedback - nothing back so

nothing yet on School's RSA, but should come shortly.

Bike to School day is in May. Discussion on desire to propose an event - are roads sufficiently safe?

Walk to School day in October - we should look to expand it to multiple schools.

7. Discuss recommendations for next phase of SGT David A.

David reached out to the DOT consultant who is responsible for the Shoreline Greenway Trail federal grant to see if it were possible to propose a different route. Originally going to connect to Guilford Town Line - but there was push back and so it didn't make sense to continue. The consultant indicated a different section of the route would be possible.

Efforts in Clinton to have a Greenway and Blueway Trail with the greenway connecting to SGT at the Hammo river.

Evaluated through Hammonnasset through Salt Marsh - issues with DEEP and park staff.

Some of the ideas in Master Plan are eligible for funding by Shoreline Greenway Trail federal grant - we want to figure out what section we'd recommend for their funding then get feedback.

Would have to be compatible with SGT design study done by DOT several years ago - from Hammonnasset it would essentially go west on route 1 - which would be the spine with side paths going off to other places like the Surf Club and Bauer Park

and the schools, but any section of the route that gets it closer to either town border is eligible for consideration.

Page 31: There was general consensus that a main corridor from approximately East Wharf (ideally Liberty) to West Wharf (ideally Neck Road), or any part of that if there is not enough money to do it all, would be a good route to consider.

8. Master Plan, discuss draft David A.

High level overview for tonight, not details. Subset of committee

In text - not enough of a pedestrian perspective.

Some facilities that are missing or overlooked

We should add some mention of the complete streets policy - summary of it and suggestions of how to implement it.

Should it have more detail - has avoided big problem areas and needs more detail (e.g. sharp curves)

We can include audits in appendix.

Maps should be readable in black & white.

Land ownership map was confusing.

Excel file with road names.

Some of the trails listed are not well maintained, marked, or easily traversed - advertising them should be considered.

Signage on how/when to walk

More Madison specific - in introduction, about the users, etc.

Recommended facility types needed work to make it more readable

Concerns on recommendations for schools - didn't include RSA recommendations for south on copse road. (pg 36&37).

Are edgelines included? sidewalks?

Limited recommendations on Greenhill. Copse down to Woodland.

Land trust - policy is no bikes on trails so we need to talk with them.

Worthwhile to put something seemingly unattainable as an anchor for others

Survey data?

Bushes and obstacles to sightlines?

Pedestrian - Sidewalks and crosswalks?

Bike parking

Designated Recreational Trail.

Yield Roadway

Subcommittee - Lianne, Ellen, Virginia, and David will edit and circulate for comments

9. Other business

Health Dept Event

Ginny

Virginia hasn't heard anything back from her.

10. Bruce's Roundup

Bruce

Route 1 near neck road is very dangerous on the way to Guilford.

State of Connecticut has a Complete Streets policy - they are supposed to follow on their roads. Perhaps we should contact them.

Accessibility for bus riders

Water Authority - open to getting trails through

Land Trust has a film festival April 24th in Clinton

Police commission having discussion on midblock crossing in downtown - may be requirements from DOT

SGT is in talks with REI about putting in a water station near Shoreline Greenway Trail - they care a lot about accessibility. We could keep them in mind for future grants although they do not accept unsolicited requests.

11. Adjournment.

Next meeting Tuesday April 7, 2020

On hold: Eagle Scout bike rack project; accessible pathways; Academy School crossing,

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Stechschulte

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