

Unapproved minutes of the May 7, 2019 Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting called to order by Virginia Raff 7:05 PM

Notes from March approved 7:05 PM

Notetaker Jason Engelhardt

Attendance: Lynn Stechschulte, Virginia Raff, Jason Engelhardt, Lianne Herdle, Sean Alexander, Dave Anderson, John Biehne, Ellen Weiss, David Tomasso, Isaac Lerner, Sam Hauser

Policy

Complete Streets application was recognized as the 5th best policy in the US in 2018. Will likely bring some attention and publicity to our committee and opportunities to share the committee success. Several members will be attending a training event at the Complete Streets and Vision Zero training with AARP at the University of New Haven on June 7th.

Mapping:

Application in place to AARP for \$6,360 for multiple crosswalks and associated signage along Middle Beach Road

Route 1 resurfacing

Ellen spoke with representatives from the state about the announced route 1 resurfacing on a critical portion between Route 79 and the Hammonasset connector that was recently announced for summer work. Ellen addressed the DOT about possibly putting crosswalks and considerations for pedestrians on the segment. The response was that there are not resources to support extra work. The committee is discussing options to get ahead of plans for Rte 79 resurfacing when that comes up for resurface.

Master Plan:

David Anderson reached out to a consultant about getting a proposal for a master plan.

Website:

BPAC website has been updated to include the calendar and have a link for sending hike/bike ride announcements. Calendar is ready for link, Jason will submit to Facebook site and make a posting about recent events.

High School Event with CCAP and Complete Streets

Event was a success and engaged many students. Students were interested in the complete streets materials and engaged in many discussions with Jason and Isaac about cycling and cycling safety.

Signs and engagement

Ellen and Lynne made a number of signs and mailers that could be sent to people to advocate for bike/pedestrian safety. Ellen is interested in printing signs and then encouraging neighbors to post signs on their property. David recommends we speak with Joe Race about a coordinated effort with police in order to coordinate with town officials. Jason will post on Facebook on a rotating basis and Isaac will use Instagram. [Link to signs](#)

Bike Friendly Community

Lynne started an account on bike friendly community and is looking for potential committee members to assist in coordinating the Bike Friendly Community application.

Other Items

Jason recommends that the group work on vision for next steps for the committee. Potentially the Bike Friendly Community or following through on the implementation of Complete Streets. This will be addressed at the next meeting. David recommends we all take a look the Bike Friendly Community website prior to the next meeting to get an idea of how that might influence our direction. Website for review: <https://bikeleague.org/community>

Next Meeting

Tuesday June 4, 7 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Engelhardt