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## TOWN OF MADISON

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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes for Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Virtual meeting due to COVID 19

Attendees: Robert Russo, Virginia Raff, Lianne Herdle, John Biehn, Dan Buckley, Dennis Durante, David Wilkins, Michael Ahlijanian, Jeremy Yorke, Erin Mannix

1. The Chair welcomed Town Planner Erin Mannix who will help with the planning aspects of committee work.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.
3. The Chair recommended Claire Corwin to be a student advisor to the committee. The recommendation was unanimously approved.
4. Old Business

**Budget** The Chair reported on a meeting she and Lianne attended with the First Selectwoman and The Town Planner to discuss applying for a grant through the regional council of governments. This would allow for a much larger budget and a much more comprehensive master plan that will be useful in seeking further funding for implementation.

#### Status of network plans

**East West Network:** The Chair reported that a group from DEEP, Hammonasset Park, Shoreline Greenway Trail, state legislators and town officials scheduled to walk a route that would extend the current Shoreline Greenway Trail through the eastern area of HBSP to connect with Salt Meadow.

**Recreation trail:** There was a discussion of the trail map John circulated before the meeting. There was some discussion about the concern of the land trust if trails cross their properties that might encourage biking.

**Scotland Avenue:** Robb reported that Public Works is putting design money into CIP for next year. Rob explained the process that will go into design and funding in preparation for construction.

**Yard signs:** David reported on BPAC safety signs put up on Island Avenue and Surf Club Road. They expressed thanks to Erin Mannix and John Dolora who helped with the application for temporary sign permission. Some of the signs have disappeared. Dennis suggested if any members live on a street that could use a sign, there are enough. Neck Road was suggested as a good location for signs and they will pursue that.

**Ice cream:** Jeremy reported that Officer Palmer has given away most of the ice cream certificates and thinks the project is a big success. He would like more.

**Open parking lots:** Dan presented a plan for testing the idea of open parking lots for children who are too young to ride on streets. Austin Hall of Beach and Rec offered to help secure locations perhaps behind Memorial Town Hall or on some of the school properties. There are still questions about restroom access, insurance, etc. The consensus seemed to be to keep it low key and simple and not include food. He estimated two or three people would be needed to monitor a two-hour event.

#### 5. New business

Dan introduced Reese Berman who has been a summer intern for the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Among other things he has worked on the CT Trail Census and assessing trail use. Some of his findings may be very useful to inform the master plan we are developing. In Madison he did manual counts to supplement information gathered by infrared

sensors from CT Trail census to assist in calibrating actual usage because the counters don't distinguish between bikers, single walkers, groups of walkers, etc. He reported that the highest count he got in an hour was 78 users.

## 6. Adjournment