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## TOWN OF MADISON

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### BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes for Tuesday, Sept 6, 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, Blythe Swift, Claire Corwin, Jeanne Morrissey

1. The Chair welcomed Claire Corwin to her first official meeting as our student rep and Blythe Smith who is about to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business

Community Crosswalks: Jeanne reported there is no new news. The pending question seems to be location.

File Sharing: Jeanne will send directions to new members.

Social Media: Jeanne reported that she was contacted by Ben Rayner of The Source to be interviewed for an article. He had seen our postings on Facebook and got a lot of information from the website. He also wants to highlight a committee member to be person of the week. Jeanne suggested the chair. Jeanne also reported she has gotten a lot of good interaction with the police ice cream project.

Dan Buckley suggested we do an article about the five police officers on bike patrol. He also suggested we explore ways to get helmets for kids who don't have them.

Funding: Erin provided an update on the funding we hope to get from SCRCOG for the master plan. The projection is that the funding will be awarded by the end of the year and master plan could be finalized by June of 2024.

#### 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 walked a proposed route to extend the current Shoreline Greenway Trail through the eastern area of HBSP to connect with Salt Meadow. We are waiting for written approval from landowners and the Shoreline Greenway Trail will proceed with the project.

Recreation trail: John reported that the route of this trail will have to be somewhat fluid to accommodate beaver dam construction, flooding, etc.

Beach area: Jeanne said she would try to post the Beach area plan to Google Docs before she leaves for vacation.

Woodland Road Rt. 79 Project: Rob reported that there will be a public hearing on the sidewalk project Thursday, Sept. 8 at town Hall. He encouraged committee members to attend and support the project.

Yard signs: David reported there will be a need for more signs for next season. We need to seek funding.

Open parking lots: Dan indicated Austin Hall of Beach and Rec is all for it and simply needs dates. We suggested Dan just choose dates. None will be ideal for all participants. We will need some committee members to help monitor the event. It will be very low key so not much prep work.

4. New business

Dan requested that the posting during the meeting be included in the minutes:

Michael Ahljianian to Host and Panelists (7:19 PM) <https://www.ctcyclingadvancement.org/>

Michael Ahljianian to Host and Panelists (7:45 PM) state street Guilford link: <https://www.guilfordsafestreets.org/>

5. Adjournment