



Watertown Bi-Ped Committee

Monthly Meeting April 4, 2011



Next Meeting
Monday, May 2, 7:30 PM
Administration Building

Minutes of Watertown Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

Present: Steve Engler, Maria Saiz, Janet Jameson, Danielle Evans, Brad Parsons

* Item: Snow Removal

- Tufts grant not awarded
- Steve has MAPC Snow Removal Guidelines, will provide to committee
- Committee discussed concerns about next year's plan, will DPW clear to curb or not, good thing to know going into the season

* Item: Community Safe Routes to School

- No new news

* Item: Charles River Ale/wife Connector Path

- Janet spoke with Katie regarding grand opening of path, nothing is set
- Janet to call Dan at DCR regarding recent signage that has been posted
 - Use guidelines are 'odd' since it directs pedestrians to the center and bikes to the right
 - Committee surprised that the path has been named without public input
- Maria presented photos of what appears to be a spill of sorts on the path behind the AutoZone. Not sure if it's oil, but it clearly is not water

* Item: Community Path

- Steve to work on zoning amendment
- Danielle expressed that it is time to revisit Patten St. bridge parking lot
- Janet working with Cambridge arts group to bring a mural to the existing path

* Item: Town Council Update

- Tabled for now

* Item: Bicycle Master Plan Update

- Plan to be incorporated into Comprehensive Plan, Department of Community Development and Planning currently debating approach, i.e. how much will be done in house and what needs (if anything) to be outsourced. Current Senior Planners have a lot of experience in this arena.
- Maria to investigate having Bicycle rental program extended into Watertown and have this as part of the Comprehensive Plan

* Item: MAPC Bicycle Parking Program

- Committee needs to look at current ones to assess damage from winter

* Item: Mt. Auburn Street Design

- Sheila attended last month's meeting
- Appears the project is now in phase two, which is deciding which design to go with
- Committee expressed concern that the project is moving too fast without public input, committee to send a letter to Susan Falkoff expressing this concern

* Item: Anderson Bridge Underpass Support

- Steve received request of support from WBPC for Anderson Bridge redesign in Cambridge
- Friends of the Charles River want bicycle underpass, stiff opposition from the powers that be
- Committee expressed support