

## Watertown Bi-Ped Committee Minutes May 2011

### Community Safe Routes to School

- May 4<sup>th</sup> is Walk to School Day

### Snow Removal

- Maria & Sheila attending DPW meeting regarding snow removal
- It was expressed that pedestrian concerns were largely ignored this past winter
- Committee to draft letter to town expressing concerns and offer recommendations for next winter
- Comment made “If we can hire people to plow, why not also to clear sidewalks?”

### Charles River/ Alewife Connector Path

- Phase One Opening Date to be in either June or July
- DCR is upset about the “state of the path” i.e. apparent spill and general unfinished look of the area
- Janet sent photos to multiple people to demonstrate the undesirable current look and confusing user signs
- Phase Two in current formality stage, still need to line up the money and rail road has to official declare abandonment status

### Community Path

- Public art mural in the works, contact from Cambridge will be sending info and take Janet and Deb on a tour to discuss ideas
- Patten Street bridge issue needs an update

### Bicycle Master Plan Update

- Maria to contact MAPC to see how Watertown can be included in the up and coming Bike Sharing Program
- Natalie to develop content in outline format for committee’s vision on the Master Plan for Watertown

### Bicycle Parking Ordinance

- Maria brought to the committee’s attention that the current rehab of Victory Field does not include bicycle parking
- June 30<sup>th</sup> is the dead line to apply to the MAPC for bicycle rack funding
- Expressed that the committee needs to communicate with the Town Council about the lack of bicycle parking at a school facility

### Mt. Auburn Street design

- Sheila working on letter of support

### New England Bike Expo

- Sheila to attend

### MBTA Bus Routes 71 & 73

- Current idea proposed by Belmont to eliminate trackless trolleys
- In order for this to be approved Watertown needs to support the measure
- After length discussion the general consensus is that this is a bad idea
  - Not good for the environment in terms of energy consumption, emissions (particle and noise)
- Committee members to attend meeting to voice concerns