



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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## April 2014 MEETING MINUTES

### Attendees:

Committee Members: Ethan Davis, Andrew Compagna, Nick Cutia, Shiela Fay, Michael Izzo, Maria Saiz, Natalie Truesdell

Guests: Gideon Schrieber (Community Development and Planning)

1. Approval of minutes
2. Short Term and Long Term Goals of Committee
  - a. Development of a Bicycle Plan is one area to re-invigorate efforts.
  - b. Presentation to Council members of a new plan will help drive our goals forward.
  - c. Other areas of interest: focusing on Greenough Boulevard, extending the memorial drive for bike and pedestrian Summer Sundays, bringing Hubway to Watertown.
    - i. On the Hubway component: Newton is a great resource, their process was reaching out to users. MAPC and Cambridge are other resources. San Francisco is the first example of a linear model for Hubway which we may want to look at.
  - d. Interest in traffic calming, and review of pedestrian cross walks and the addition of adding cross walks. You can do a lot of traffic calming without the bumpouts with just painting. Main street in Watertown is a good example of this. The current status quo is waiting five and ten years for a street to change, but there are things that can be done much more quickly.
  - e. Invite the transportation sub-committee of the town to discuss our plans and strategic priorities.
  - f. Need to connect our plan to public health priorities, specifically the Watertown Wellness report written by Michelle Moon in 2012.
3. Events and Activities
  - a. National Brain Tumor Society Ride. Event is on May 18<sup>th</sup> and is about 30, 20 or 10 mile ride in Waltham. Committee will raise awareness of the event through our webpage.
  - b. Helmet Give Away. Sarah Withy from law firm Brakestone White, and Glick is willing to donate kids bike helmets. Ethan will contact with Jeannette Belcher Schleps on the safe routes to school on how to distribute helmets.
  - c. Adult Bike Riding Class. There is interest is an adult bike riding class in Watertown. Sheila will do some research on teachers of adult biking.
  - d. Possible Watertown Event. May 10<sup>th</sup>- Watertown Community Foundation Volunteer day. Natalie will follow-up to organize and coordinate with Sheila who will co-promote the event with Mass Bike as part of Bike week.

- e. Other Watertown events could include re-invigorating the Watertown Historical Tours, and we could co-promote the Chemical Free Watertown Garden Tour.
- 4. 202-204 Arsenal Street Development Update: Janet, Ethan, Maria, met with Steve Magoon about the Arsenal Street development and the bike and pedestrian path between the Arsenal and Walnut street. The path would be from School Street to Irving Street. There is also the possibility for a spur. This will be discussed at the next planning board meeting. There will be periods for public comment.
- 5. Greenough Boulevard Update: The committee signed on to the letter written by the Allston committee. There was a community meeting at the Boathouse.
- 6. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston Bike Update; The meeting provided some ideas on how to structure our planning process and also had a strong message of thinking about equity when doing bike planning.
- 7. Trouble Spots for Cyclists/Pedestrians In Watertown: Agreed to develop a regular meeting process for discussion and review of how to address and remediate trouble spots. Spots for review will be sent to Ethan prior to meeting to be added to the agenda.
- 8. New Business: None discussed.