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## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Monday July 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Andy Compagna, Ethan Davis, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Tricia Hopkins, Janet Jameson, Amy Plovnick, Oliver Rick Maria Saiz.

Non-members: Laura Wiener (staff), Hannah Rakoff, Susan Flint, Bob Shay, Town Councilor Caroline Bays joined around 8:05pm.

- 1) Approve minutes from 6/2/20 and 5/19/20.
  - a) Minutes from both meetings approved unanimously.
- 2) Bike-Ped Plan Update
  - a) Laura is sharing Committee feedback with McMahon, which is redrafting Recommendations section. Some committee interest in final review of McMahon's edits based on our feedback; per Laura it will be available to the public prior to final publication. Considering options for final public engagement and presentation of the Plan. One option is to post final draft Plan on website with chance for public to ask questions, then will be presented to Town Council.
- 3) Street Space proposals, Report from Subcommittee
  - a) Amy reported out; she, Hannah Rakoff (interested Town resident), Maria, and Sheila met. How to support businesses with outdoor dining: brainstormed possible locations. Slow streets designation to respond to reduced traffic by opening up street space to pedestrians for walking and dining. Looked at what neighboring towns have tried and what worked well. Sense of urgency as we're almost halfway through summer. Andy recommended forming a (or tapping an existing) coalition to take action on the subcommittee's research and ideas; also need Town Council to help advocate. Andy and Amy are meeting with Assistant Town Manager Steve Magoon, Laura and Gideon Thursday 7/9 to discuss options/process for using street space for sidewalk dining. After meeting, other committee members may reach out to TC contacts to discuss. Caroline Bays suggested we speak with Mark Sideris; Hannah suggested we talk to restaurants.
- 4) Bike and pedestrian access at new schools, reviewed letter to School Building Committee.
  - a) Will send letter to School Building Committee and copy the chair of the School Committee.



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- 5) Wayfinding Advisory Committee—appoint Bike-Ped Comm. Designee
  - a) Recommended in parking management plan, to have wayfinding signs in commercial districts to identify parking, and connections to points of interest. Town received a State grant to hire a consultant to design and site wayfinding signs. Five meeting commitment with varied representation to include someone from Bike-Ped Comm.
  - b) Oliver volunteered to represent the Bike-Ped Committee on the Wayfinding Advisory Committee.
- 6) New business/member items
  - a) Maria raised discussion about vehicles blocking sidewalks.
- 7) Reschedule September meeting (conflicts with Labor Day) to Monday, September 14.
- 8) Reschedule November meeting (election eve) to Thursday, Nov. 5.
- 9) Next meeting Monday, August 3.