

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

Board Members in attendance: Ken Livingston, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Sandy Frye, Jim Greene

Town Staff in Attendance: Marc Blanchard

- 1) Other guest attendees: Amy Watkins from Watch For ME CT – funds go to injury prevention center CCMC, modeled after watch for ME NC, Advertisements and messaging for safety regarding pedestrian, cyclist, and driver awareness. Media space includes billboards, bus banners, bike safety events, bike rodeos, and driver awareness. The goal is to educate people regarding safety and prevention.
- 2) Route 44 and Mountain Road Pedestrian Initiatives – the plan is to add sidewalks and buffer lanes as pedestrians and motorists approach the intersection
- 3) Edward Pawlak updated the committee on outreach with town engineers and project updates. Edward's goal is to have an ear to updates and future infrastructure improvements.
 - a. Recommended sources are monthly TPZ meetings
 - b. List of projects in town and current status
- 4) Scott Franklin discussed sidewalk gap at the west end of Fern St. Plans to add sidewalk on the south side of Fern Street as it approaches Mountain Road.
- 5) Update on Local Recreational Bike Routes – sign installations will begin later in Spring.
- 6) West Hartford Bike to School Day is May 9th 2018 – Getting the word out through Department of Leisure Services.
- 7) Bike to work May 18th, 2018 to begin at West Hartford Town Hall, CT to the Old State House in Hartford, CT
- 8) Update on Boulevard repaving project to eliminate south side parking between Trout Brook and Quaker Lane install 5' bike lane in its place and on the North Side parking will remain adjacent to a wider than usual travel lane. The proposal was brought up in front of the group for open discussion.
- 9) Scott Franklin provided report on North Main Street Road Diet. Scott Franklin will set up a meeting with Town Manager to discuss this.
- 10) The Bicycle Friendly Town status has been submitted and pending review.
- 11) Pramod Pradhan from the West Hartford Town Library presented on the West Hartford How-To-Festival
- 12) Delamar Hotel proposal for bike usage and guests – Cost is \$4800 for fully loaded bikes
- 13) Hartford Marathon pre-run pedal to the metal ride – registration available soon.
- 14) Scott Franklin reported on Helen Rubino-Turco revised page on the Town's website for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission
- 15) The Complete Streets survey by CRCOGs survey is available to <http://crocogsurvey.com>
- 16) Rob reported New England Bike Walk Summit will be in Boston 26th-27th 2018 – to promote East Coast Greenway
- 17) Sandy Frye reported on Norwalk CT pedestrian initiatives called Norwalkers, and community walks, where different people lead walks once a month. Should we coordinate a walk route?

Meeting was adjourned 8:40PM

Next Meeting, Monday May 14th, 2018 at 7:00PM Room 314

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Johnson, Board Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission