

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday October 9, 2018
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400
Next Meeting Monday, November 5th, 2018 @7:00PM ROOM 400

Board Members in attendance: Ken Livingston, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Dan Firestone, Laurie Silverman

1. Scott read a letter written to Matt Hart regarding temporary traffic calming measures, and analysis during the renovation of North Main Street bridge. The letter was also CC'd to the Members of the Town Council and to Town Engineer Duane Martin
2. Report on Hillcrest Neighborhood, Daniel reported no updates, a question was raised regarding petition count for action was raised. As the commission understands there is no set number required
3. Bike Walk CT annual dinner is Friday 11/2/18 at CCSU
4. BiCI Co., multi-modal summit is Monday 11/19/18
5. Pedal to Medal Saturday 10/13/18
6. Watch for Me CT initiatives, Scott Franklin reported that there is a new law which requires under 16 are required to wear helmets when skateboarding, rollerblading, etc.
7. October 10th is National Walk to School Day
8. Ethan Frankel reported on Park Rd parade. There was support for safer streets.
9. Dan Firestone reported on the Discover New Britain bike ride. It was well attended with 140+ participants.
10. Report on Nightfall event October 6th, Ethan Frankel said 50 Bikes in attendance.
11. Laurie Silverman reported on cyclist and motorist incident. A bike trip on Farmington Ave in West Hartford, heading East near mountain road, a motorist forcefully cut the cyclist off and caused a dangerous situation for all present. The question was posed to Duane Martin, of signage regarding cyclist rights in the road. Duane Martin responded with the question posed to other town staff. The feeling is motorists will not recognize the significance or notice the requirement.
12. Ed Pawlak wrote a letter to town staff regarding crosswalks on Farmington Ave between the Center and Mountain road to present to the commission for review. A draft letter will be presented to be submitted.
13. A Lime Bike meeting was held October 1st, they are trying to find appropriate "hot spots" not privately owned.
14. New Business, a resident attended Bishops Corner neighborhood meeting, the state is going to make presentation regarding intersection proposal, they need to make the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists.
15. Scott Franklin reported on a conversation with Helen Rubino Turco, regarding Bicycle Friendly Designation requirements. The education component needs to increase within the town for pedestrian and bicycle safety if the Town is to get the silver designation.
16. It was announced two seats on the commission will be vacated in December 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Johnson, Board Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission