

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday October 14th 2020 @ 7PM WebEx
Next Meeting: November 09, 2020

Board Members in attendance: Sandy Fry, Daniel Johnson, Jill Morawski, Denisse Gutierrez, Dan Firestone, Ken Livingston (arrived at 7:40pm), Colin Gillespie (arrived 8:00pm).

A quorum was held starting at 7:15pm

Town Staff in attendance:

1. A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Daniel Johnson, seconded by Denisse Gutierrez. Minutes were approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Updates on roadway and trail projects
 - i. North Main Street moving to Stage 3 later this month
 - ii. Road diet is underway and traffic counts have been taken and adjusted on pre-Covid19 data
 - iii. Town has published website dedicated to North Main Street
 - iv. Paving is completed for the session
 - v. The Town Will be starting the complete streets recap
 - vi. New Park Ave project has designs underway and expected completed late in 2021
 - vii. Trout Brook Trail DEEPagreement has not been finalized
 - viii. Semi diverters at Four Mile and Newport
 1. Plan is to put back the two semi-diverters at Four Mile and Boulevard
 2. 2 diverters will be added to Newport at Ellsworth. And Sedgwick
 - ix. Regarding West Hartford Center, when the Town removes temporary outdoor dining, LaSalle will remain one way and bike lanes will be installed. Farmington will go back to its old configuration
 - x. New pedestrian crosswalk signals will be installed at Prospect and Kane
 - b. Update Mountain Road/Farm Ave intersection observation
 - i. An email from Alan was shared and Town's response. Sandy Fry will try and set up a meetin with Town, Alan, and Commission members

- c. Survey as prelude to bicycle plan update – update from subcommittee
 - i. The sub-committee received comments. Last call for comments is October 19th from the commission.
 - ii. Comments included focus on pedestrian and colored bike routes.
 - iii. The hope is finalizing the survey and provide to Town for distribution by end of year.
 - d. Discussion of next steps in update of Bicycle Plan
 - i. Sandy Fry spoke with Todd Dumais on how the commission can contribute as the town moves forward with implementation of the Plan of Conservation and development.
 - 1. Interested in feedback from survey
 - 2. Working on bicycle facilities
 - 3. When the Town does zone updates requiring bike parking and research on those items.
 - ii. It was agreed that pedestrians ought to be included in a new plan and importance of sidewalks.
 - iii. Sandy will set up meeting with Todd Dumais, Daniel Johnson, Ken Livingston and Denise Gutierrez
 - e. Letter of Support for Community connectivity grant program application
 - i. Update traffic equipment to address pedestrian safety.
 - f. New bicycle routes – posting online?
 - i. Resident Claire O’Donnell suggested the bike routes to the commission and posted on websites.
 - 1. Scott Franklin discussed how Bike West Hartford hosts bike routes on their website and will consider accommodation.
3. New Business:
- a. Parking in bike lanes – enforcement?
 - i. Resident David Beers commented, since it was brought up by during a prior call during the commission. Cars still park in the area, however less frequent.

ii. Colin Gillespie asked if parking enforcement officer is available to join the call.

1. The commission will ask the Town for attendance

b. Plan of Conservation and Development – implementation strategies, discussed above

c. Clean Energy Commission

i. Kevin Feely has a copy of recent of the approval of 2021 agenda. Ask him for a copy and then consider sending letter to city council

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4. Reports

a. Town staff updates

i. None in attendance due to late meeting start.

b. Update from Bike West Hartford Inc.

c. Update from Cycling Without Age

i. Dan Firestone, the attended the Rotary Club “rotary in motion” ride. No rides due to Covid19.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Johnson, Secretary and Board Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission