

**MINUTES**  
**WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION**  
**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Attendance – Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
  - a. Members present Sandy Fry, Colin Gillespie, Denisse Gutierrez, Paul Hogan, Daniel Johnson, Ken Livingston, Jill Morawski/
  - b. Town Staff present: Duane Martin (Town Engineer)
2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – motion to approve last month's minutes raised at 7:08 PM, hearing no objections and given no corrections the minutes were approved
3. Old Business
  - a. Announcement Survey is Open
    - i. Ken Livingston, Colin Gillespie, and Jill Morawski presented the survey as of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 which is schedule to end March 31, 2021
4. Town Staff and Consultant Reports (7:15pm – 7:45pm)
  - a. Duane Martin – WH Town Engineer provided updates on Roadway Projects
    - i. Roadway Projects
      1. North Main Street bridge project is scheduled to be finished by June 2021
      2. Fern Street bridge project is still month away
    - ii. Complete Streets annual report was provided to the commission and shared on Town website
    - iii. Lasalle Road Parking
      1. Expanded outdoor dining will return April / May 2021
        - a. One-way north bound will remain
        - b. Head out angle parking will terminate after Arapahoe heading South
        - c. Wrong way driving is still a concern
    - iv. Fern Street sidewalk gap construction to begin Spring 2021
    - v. The Town is drafting a traffic calming program to be shared with Town Manager
    - vi. Recap of other roads expected for construction with the ability to make improvements
      1. Section of Ridgewood Rd
      2. Section of Mountain Rd
      3. Sections of Fern St
      4. Section of North Main Street Paving
    - vii. Feedback to take to consultants VHB for North Main Street
      1. The commission had questions about the prior proposal from VHB for the road diet.

- a. Duane Martin and VHB have reached out to emergency responders to gain feedback on certain scenarios
    - b. The commission had open questions about the paving projects scheduled around the road diet
  2. Residents and former State House and Senate Member Beth Bye, talked about North Main Street and call for leadership to take action
  3. Resident Ethan Frankel asked for more information and supports the project

5. New Business:

- a. Priorities for Commission 2021-2022

- a. Draft priorities include:

- i. Education and Understanding

1. Education
      2. Police partnerships
      3. Surveys

- ii. Facilities

1. Bicycle Network
      2. North Main Street Diet Trial
      3. Off-Street Pedestrian and bike lanes

- iii. Safe Environment

1. Town Council focus on Visionary Safe Environment
      2. Pedestrian Safe Zones
      3. Safety Awareness

6. Reports

- a. Update from Bike West Hartford Inc.

- i. Ethan Frankel discussed meetings with ASD for memorial for MaryEllen Thibodeau
    - ii. Scott Franklin and Ethan Frankel are optimistic for Center Streets August 2021

7. Next meeting: MONDAY, April 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

8. Adjourn