

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Agenda
Nov 27, 2017

Present:

Neil Bettez, Donna Bruschi, Dan Lipson, Judy Mage, Bill Murray, Steve O'Shea, Michael Reade

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

1. Dan attended a meeting this past Wednesday (Nov 22) with Harry Lipstein (owner of Water Street Market) as well as Tim Rogers, K.T. Tobin, and former Bike/Ped member Tom Murray to brainstorm visions for making the village specifically more bicycle friendly.
2. Bill Weinstein sent a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation to express safety concerns with bicycling on Route 208 (a state bicycling route).
3. Members discussed concerns about speed limit on Clearwater Road and supported "slow down when children present" signs, as recommended by the Transportation Implementation Committee.
4. The New York State Department of Transportation permitted in-street crosswalk signs on Route 32 North (North Chestnut Street). The signs were put up on the next day.
5. Members support setting up a meeting with Ulster County Executive Mike Hein regarding the pace of constructing shoulders on Route 299 from Butternut Road to Route 44/55.
6. Donna described Vision Zero – an initiative originating in Sweden. The goal is zero fatalities. If car is moving 30km or less, then no pedestrian fatalities should be expected. If car is moving 70km or faster, then pedestrians must be separated. NYC has adopted Vision Zero, as has Seattle, Edmonton, D.C., Fort Lauderdale, L.A., Boston, Portland, San Francisco, and Chicago.
7. Neil wants to submit an Ulster County planning grant to create a bicycle/pedestrian master plan. Neil wants to convince the county that it should fund this, given that New Paltz contributes sales tax to the county. The connections need to be safer. If the town is awarded this grant then the bicycle/pedestrian committee could work with the planners.
8. Neil Bettez posted an updated traffic study on the town website. He would like to know what half-million-dollar plan from the 2009 New Paltz traffic plan that the county paid for.

Adjourned 8:36pm.

Next meeting:

Mon Jan 22, 2018