

Minutes for New Paltz Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee at Village Hall

November 16, 2015, 7-9pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

MEMBERS:

Peter Kaufman
Pamela St. John

Dan Lipson

Judy Mage

Tom Rocco

ABSENT:

Dan Torres

Justin Myers

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes: October 19, 2015, minutes were accepted.
2. Goals: Began defining short and long-term goals of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Members brainstormed approximately 17 issues, with the goal of focusing on between three and five issues at a time. Here are some of the issues members chose to prioritize at this point. First, members wish to write a letter supporting Highway Supervisor Chris Marx in his bid to resurface and put shoulders on Henry W. Dubois Drive over a three-year stretch. First we need to find out whether the budget already includes the funds Chris Marx will need or whether such funding is at risk. Second, we are troubled that roads are too often repaved and repaired in ways that make them dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. *Members should all look at the list of issues and come to our next meeting in January prepared to narrow down a list of between three and five issues to prioritize.*
3. ACTION ITEM: *By next meeting (January), we all agreed to DO SOMETHING concerning this second (road repaving/repair) issue.* That “something” could be to fact-find (call officials, find out who is responsible), advocate (write a letter, network, etc.), document poor road repairs/quality, etc.
4. Recruitment of new members: plans were made to send out an email to the faculty-staff list at the college to recruit new members. Pamela will write to the chair of the campus Sustainability Committee as well as to one of the co-chairs of the Environmental Task Force on campus. Peter will design a leaflet to place in the bicycle stores. The village or town clerk can submit a posting for the *New Paltz Times*. Our committee should be composed of four town members, four village members, and one college member. We currently have two town openings and two village openings.
5. Meeting schedule for 2016: we will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month every month except December, July, and August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Dan Lipson