

Present: Dan Lipson, Peter Kaufman, Rebecca Rotzler, Dan Torres, Pamela St. John, Bill Weinstein

Absent: Will Raphaelson

Guests: Justin Myers and Charlotte Carr

1. The S. Putt Corners Rd. project involving the installation of six foot shoulders along S. Putt Corners is progressing. There is discussion on moving an exit from the shopping center on the SW corner of Rt. 299 and S. Putt Corners to alleviate traffic in the intersection
2. An opening remains on the Committee for a representative from the Town of New Paltz.
3. There was discussion on whether it would be possible to have the chain that is strung across the emergency road to the Ridge Apartments made shorter to permit a wider bike path to the side of it. Another suggestion is the placement of another post, permitting one slightly shorter chain with an extra post to the side creating a gap wide enough for bicycles.
4. The Committee discussed the need for new crosswalks and in-street signs for existing crosswalks at various locations in New Paltz:
 - In-street sign: at the crosswalk on Rt. 32 S and The Ridge Apartments
 - Cross walks: 32 N and the Park and Ride and corner of Front and Church Streets

Dan Torres recommended that the Committee send a formal letter to the Town and Village describing where they would like to install new crosswalks and/or in street signs. It was pointed out that crosswalks need to be maintained with special paint and thus they are costly. Rebecca Rotzler said the Village will install the crosswalk at the corner of Front and Church Streets.

5. The exploratory study of a bike/ped. trail along the "Flats" (Rt. 299 to the west of the Wallkill Bridge) has been accepted by the Town. The Open Space Institute and The Mohonk Preserve paid for the study but funding still needs to be found for the project. Has the Town made an attempt at finding funding for this?
6. Peter gave an update on business concerning bicycles on the SUNY NP campus. Additional bike racks have been added in and around the academic buildings and possible improvements have been discussed.
7. The Committee would like to see the bike rack at the Post Office installed. It should be placed next to the flagpole as close as possible to the building.
8. Nothing can be done about the dangerous sewer grates that are a menace to bicycle riders until we determine who owns them. DOT is currently looking at this.
9. The Safe Routes to School study is complete. While some of the suggestions in the study are possible without funding, the major improvements that were recommended for Duzine and the NP Middle School will require money.

10. The Committee agreed that it should collectively participate in a yearly bike ride event in the spring. Planning and advertising for the event should take place in the winter.
11. Where are the sharrows that were promised on the streets in the Village? Rebecca will look into it.
12. The Committee continued to discuss the snow removal problems in New Paltz. Bill has attempted to make contact with the Association of Towns but they have not responded to his requests. The Committee would like to know how other towns remove their snow in the winter. Do they hire contractors? Where do they find the funds to pay for the snow removal?
13. The Committee discussed CVS's reply to our initial requests. Peter and Pamela will draft a response based on the Committee's discussion and distribute it to the Committee via email.
14. The Committee learned of a bicycle group in Poughkeepsie run by John Galbraith. There may be an opportunity for us to coordinate on some projects. In addition, there is interest in making a bike loop in NP similar to the one in Saugerties (\$10 k was used to put this one together). Bill will look into funding for this from Hudson River Greenway (Committee could write a grant for the money).
15. The Committee discussed whether signs should be posted on the rail trail to warn hikers/cyclists that cars are driving on road or, if signs should be posted on road to warn cars that rail trailers are crossing. Possibly both sets of signs are needed. Signs will be posted at the ballpark as a test run.
16. Rebecca suggested that the signal lights on Rt. 32 and Chestnut St. be changed so that pedestrians get a right-of-way (all lights red when pedestrians cross). The Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.
17. Committee discussed ways to improve the flyer that was designed by the NPPD for distribution to vehicles that do not yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Bill will make changes and distribute them to the Committee for review.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela St. John.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08.