

New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee

Minutes of Meeting, October 24, 2017

Present: Gail Gallerie, Allan Bowdery, Harry Ellis, Stacey Delarede, Marty Irwin, and William Murray

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gail Gallerie at 7:01 PM.

The minute of the September meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

Chairs Report:

1. Josh Taback has resigned from the committee. Gail will inform the Town Board and ask for new volunteers to join the committee.
2. Loop reports. There has been a significant drop in ridership for the third quarter of 2017 as compared to 2016 primarily attributable to SUNY ridership.
3. Weekend shuttle to the ridge. Some discussions were had regarding piggy-backing onto the Office of the Aging town/school district contract for the use of school buses to provide this service. Gail will get a copy of the contract. UCAT has not provided an estimated cost for them to provide this service.
4. The committee was very appreciative of the actions and letter sent by the Chief of Police to the Cherry Hill residents regarding speeding in that area. The police have often been responsive to problem area speeding, but their actions in helping have not been sufficiently publicized in the past.

Old Business

1. 299/Butterville/Albany Post intersection. The stop signs have been successful in making traffic safer at this intersection. Currently there are portable lighted warning signs of the new signs, there is concern that when these are removed, drivers may not obey the stop signs. Consideration should be had to rumble strips or solar powered blinking warning lights. Ulster County will be reviewing the road in the near future.
2. Taziaki parking space. Removal of this parking space has been recommended by the committee for some time and will be taken up by the Village Board.
3. No stopping/standing/parking sign is recommended by the committee on Main Street, eastbound, just east of the intersection with Chestnut.
4. A radar speed lighted sign on Main Street was discussed. Cost and battery replacement are impediments.
5. The rail trail bridge has been reopened, but fencing along the apron still needs to be installed.
6. The letter from the DOT regarding the proposed crosswalk on Main near Prospect was discussed.

New Business

1. The proposal to lower the speed limit either Village wide or selectively was discussed.
2. Clearwater Road speed reduction. It was proposed to install a sign lowering the speed limit to 20 when children are present but leaving it at 30 during normal times.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45, The next meeting will be on 11/14 in the Community Center.