

New Paltz Transportation Implementation Committee

Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2018, Village Hall

Present: Members: Gail Gallerie, Chair; Harry Ellis; Allan Bowdery

Liaisons: N'della Seque, SUNY SA; Marty Irwin, Town Board; Stacy Delarde, Town Building Inspector

Residents: Devon Kinch; David Engel

Gail called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

The minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Gail introduced N'della Seque as the Vice President of the SUNY Student Association who introduced herself and mentioned that her particular interest with transportation was the timeliness and scheduling of the loop bus.

Residents of Route 208, Devon Kinch and David Engel, presented their concerns about the intersection of route 208 and Jansen/Cedar including the current 55 mph speed limit and the lack of signals or stop signs on 208. They presented the police reports of accidents there as well as the fact that school buses pick up and drop off on 208 and that cars have regularly disobeyed the law about passing stopped school buses. They also pointed out that vehicles southbound on 208 often overtake vehicles stopped at the intersection that wish to turn left onto Jansen. The committee unanimously recommends that stop signs be installed on route 208 both northbound and southbound at the intersection and that the recommendation made by the committee last year to reduce the speed limit from 500 feet south of Watch Hill Road be reviewed by the Town Board. Devon Kinch and David Engel will be submitting their arguments to Gail for inclusion with the committee's recommendations.

In the Chair's report Gail confirmed that UCAT is now directly billing the Student Association for its share of the cost of the loop bus rather than billing through the town. Secondly, Gail reported that we plan to have a joint meeting with the BikePed committee in March or April.

Loop reports: Ridership has continued to decline, N'della is planning to create a video to increase ridership among the students. Harry raised the question of why the fuel usage in December was over three times the amounts for the similar period in 2015 and 2016. UCAT will be asked to explain the numbers.

The Taziaki parking spot removal was conditionally approved by the Village Board subject to legal review.

Harry reported that the route 299 study from the Wallkill bridge to the Gardiner town line final report will be ready in March or April.

Gail reported that she has asked the Supervisor and Mayor to appoint a new chair of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Allan Bowdery

