

New Paltz Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Minutes: September 19, 2016, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Village Hall

Present: Peter Kaufman, Daniel Lipson, Judy Mage, Tom Rocco, Amelia Rose, Pamela St. John
Guests: Niru Nukalapati, Samantha Rady

1. Acceptance of June 20, 2016 minutes
2. Motion: The BPC asks the Village Board and Mayor to request of the DOT that they add, to the permit that the village currently has, in-street crosswalk signs on Rt. 32 north at three locations: Broadhead Avenue, near Stewart's Shoppe (former Park n' Ride), and near Gateway Industries and Village Arms (at Veterans Drive). Motion passed unanimously.
3. We spent the majority of the meeting discussing safety issues on Rt. 299 in the wake of cyclist Gaby O'Shea being hit by a car on that road on September 11. The BPC along with members of the community are eager to turn this tragedy into positive collective action. We outlined five immediate steps we plan to take to pressure local officials to create buffered bicycle lanes on the six-mile stretch of Rt. 299 from the Carmen Liberta Bridge to the intersection of Rt. 44/55.
 1. Write a **formal resolution** from the BPC that will be sent to local and county officials
 2. Create an **online petition** to be administered by Niru Nukalapati and/or Samantha Rady
 3. Ask landowners along this stretch of Rt. 299 to sign a **letter of support** for bicycle lanes
 4. Send a **press release to local papers** so they write articles about our campaign
 5. Organize a **letter-writing campaign** to flood local officials and newspapers with support for buffered bicycle lanes

The BPC agreed that the language in these documents will be as consistent as possible and identified the following "wants":

- Designated *buffered bicycle lanes* on the north and south side of Rt. 299 from the Carmen Liberta Bridge to the intersection of Rt. 44/55
- Reduced speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph for this entire stretch
- Representation of the BPC when these plans are being discussed and planned

The following individuals were identified as some of the targets of our actions:

Tim Rogers, Mayor, Village of New Paltz
Neil Bettez, Supervisor, Town of New Paltz
Marybeth Majestic, Town Supervisor of Gardiner
Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive
Hector Rodriguez, Ulster County Legislator (District 20)
Jim Delaune, Ulster County Legislator (District 17)
Andrew Emrich, Ulster County DPW
Dennis Doyle, Director, Ulster County Planning
Robert Sudlow, Deputy County Executive, Ulster County

Next meeting: October 17 2017, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Village Hall