

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018

PRESENT

Victor de Munck	Dan Lipson	Judy Mage	Bill Murray
Janelle Peotter	Amelia Rose		

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

Here are the items I have for our agenda:

1. Enforcement at S. Chestnut / 208 and Southside. A SUNY New Paltz student named Piper was hit on Feb 17, 2018, by a female driver who never saw her during a snow storm.
 - a. Dan will ask the mayor (then the supervisor and the college) to ask DOT for approval for in-street crosswalk sign at Southside.
 - b. Dan will ask for LED flashing lights there (like the flashing signs at Butternut/299).
 - c. Amelia will ask Chief Snyder about installing a portable police sign there alerting drivers to stop for pedestrians. SUNY Dutchess and Marist College both have permanently flashing stop signs. On Route 9 and Route D.
 - d. Amelia will also ask police chief about increasing enforcement at this Southside/208 crosswalk.
 - e. Dan will ask Sandra Jobson at NYS Department of Transportation about what to do to obtain permission and funding for installing flashing signs at crosswalks.
 - f. Dan will contact Steve O'Shea to ask him to place Expect a Bike signs at these crosswalks in the interim. Put them also on 208 S and on 299 right across the bridge by Wallkill View Farm.
2. Janelle discussed Pledge Element 6 of Climate Smart Communities: Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking. This is a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) program statewide. 120 points is the threshold to be listed as a "climate smart community."
 - a. The bicycling & walking points are not required, but Janelle wants them as optional points. In order to obtain these points, the town needs to provide a bicycle and pedestrian master plan.
 - b. The existence of bike sharing initiatives also adds to the number of points towards becoming a climate smart community.
 - c. Making up a map of bike routes with bike parking would be helpful.
3. Dan will write a letter of Inquiry to County Executive Mike Hein and/or Chris White at the end of October to ask for a status report on the progress of the project to add shoulders to Route 299 from Butternut Road to Routes 44/55.

Adjourned 8:36pm.

Next meeting:

Mon Oct 22

Then

Mon Nov 19