

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
Feb 10, 2020

**PRESENT**

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Dan Lipson, Judy Mage, Michael Reade, Liam Sullivan

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

**AGENDA**

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**1. Minutes were approved from Jan 13 meeting.**

**2. Letter to Pat Ryan re shoulders on 299 from Buttersville to 44/55**

Michael can call Lance Gorney who is in charge of real estate for Region 8 of the Department of Transportation. He would know if the county already has right-of-way for the project.

Michael suggests Dan ask the county for a copy of the survey map.

Who is working on the design process? How many are working? How much time are they devoting to it?

Who in the Department of Transportation decides whether to approve the design?

We should be asking for status updates on a frequent basis (progress report).

Action items: we'll follow up with Dan Torres and Dennis Doyle about who's working on it, how much of their time is devoted to it, and what stage we are in.

Michael: Send letter to all parties – Tim, Neil, Dan first before going to Dennis Doyle.

**3. Complete Streets – whether our committee should take the place of *ad hoc* committee**

The next Complete Streets meeting will be Tue Feb 18.

Amanda Gotto: we could use some ideas from Smart Growth America.

Having a policy will help us in our effort to prevail with crosswalks.

Janelle and Amanda are working on short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals.

Complete Streets Advisory Committee can be a model for us.

Janelle will speak with Tim Rogers about adding diagonal crosswalks at the two all-stop crosswalks. She will also ask for sharrows on the narrow part of Main Street as well as share the road signs there. It is the Empire State Trail, so we should have leverage.

We need highly reflective signs saying "cars must stop when pedestrians at the crosswalk"

Reflectors should be installed into the crosswalk on the ground.

Janelle will brainstorm with Tim about ideas for pursuing.

Our committee wouldn't be the advisory committee.

Instead, have one appointed member from bike/ped, one member from each planning board, one member from buildings department, one member from shade tree.

Michael will check with Tom Polk (predecessor of Bob Dennison) about rules for how the Kingston advisory committee works.

Michael Moriello might have to advise about whether some members of this advisory board would have voting power. Janelle is not sure if voting power matters or is relevant. Janelle will circle back with Neil and Tim to see if we have their support for this. Janelle will ask Tim about this too.

**4. Call for manager at Shop-Rite and Tops plaza to put covered bike racks in their plazas**

Judy met with the Shop-Rite manager to make the pitch for covered bike shelters for racks. Walter is receptive to placing them under a roof on the north side. Michael suggests the north side be considered. The challenge is that the landlord who owns the strip mall needs to be persuaded. Walter Kratzsch (store director) was interested to see options of bike racks to install.

**5. Organize a rally at the Department of Transportation?**

Judy would like to hold a rally at the Department of Transportation offices in Poughkeepsie. An intermediate step would be to organize a letter-writing campaign. We should each individually write letters:

Who to address it to? Director of Region 8 is [Lance MacMillan](#) and Sandra Jobson (Regional Planning and Program Manager)

Send a request to this mailing list.

Judy already wrote State Senator Jen Metzger to nudge the Department of Transportation. We should ask Assembly member Kevin Cahill to nudge the Department of Transportation.

Judy will write up a draft.

**6. Ordinance for bicycle racks outside business properties**

Dan will ask the building inspector about the ordinance for how many bicycle racks each business is supposed to have on its property.

**7. Update on arranging meeting with Kevin Cahill about proposed 3-foot passing rule legislation.**

Phil Steck reintroduced it (A 283 – Cahill is a cosponsor – also Senate 01439). Last session David Gantt stopped it in committee and claimed his opposition was concerns about racial profiling in New York City. According to Steck, the staff counsel to the Transportation Committee Julie Barney nixed this proposed legislation. Cahill is the chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee and is a member of the Health Committee. Michael will contact Cahill again.

**8. Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Community Opportunity Plan Trail Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Michael recommends a four-way stop at every rail trail intersection.

Michael wonders what happened to all the suggestions residents asked for. Is there an appendix of the public input?

**9. Julie Seyfert Lillis is now our liaison to the Town Board.**

Adjourned 8:34pm.