

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Meeting Agenda
Mon Mar 22, 2021

PRESENT

Neil Bettez	Lou Klepner	Daniel Lipson
Judy Mage	Janelle Peotter	Michael Reade
Michele Zipp		

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes from Mon Feb 22, 2021 meeting need to be approved. You can find the minutes at our town website (townofnewpaltz.org/bicyclepedestrian-committee) on the right menu.

1. Michele: Bill Murray will run for reelection, but KT Tobin will not. Anyone want to run for the village board?
2. Proposal to make historic section of Huguenot Street one way. Michele: village board decided to put this on hold. Board will wait to see what traffic changes from Zero Place, Stewarts, and more are and how they impact Huguenot Street.
3. The Department of Transportation traffic light by the new Stewart's at N. Chestnut Street (Route 32N) and Henry W. Dubois Drive
The path will cut directly across from Henry W. Dubois Drive. Hudson Valley Greenway will pay for it (transferring money to the village). This will do away with the jog from Mulberry Street to Church Street.
4. Proposal to have Ulster County take over village sidewalk snow removal
Michael: we should leverage that this is the pedestrian section of the Empire State Trail. Other sections of this trail are being maintained by county or state (Michael can correct me).
Michele: ~\$180,000 annual cost to the village was the estimate in 2016. This is cost prohibitive. It requires putting it from a front-loader into a dump truck and then hauling it.
5. GoFundMe campaign for specific bike/ped connector projects? (Lou)
Lou is thinking of the Harvest Hills connector, as well as River to Ridge connectors (e.g. Woodlot Road...
6. Any updates about planning an event for [Celebrate Trails Day](#) (formerly Opening Day for Trails) on Sat Apr 24?
Judy: one possible option is that we could encourage people to go as a group and ride to the walkway. Perhaps write a letter to the editor sharing that Apr 24 is Celebrate Trails Day and that we now have a safe way to ride to the walkway (or River to Ridge, or Rail Trail).
Michael created a #HikeBikeNewPaltz hashtag on Instagram.

June 3 is World Bike Day
Mark is writing a letter re bike/ped issues and include hashtag and Celebrate Trails Day and can encourage posting on our Bike/Ped Facebook page.

Michael can talk to the head of a Meetup group about organizing small groups at staggered times.

7. Any updates about the initiative to request that NYSDOT make all EST crossings (I.e. Putt Corners Road, Ohioville Road, South Street) No Right On Red intersections? About the request for the New Paltz Police to step up enforcement at these intersections?

Michael spoke with Scott Butler at Police Department about enforcement. He supports ending right on red from an enforcement perspective. No Right on Red gives clarity to police to enforce this traffic violation. He said to speak with Captain Lucchesi. Michael is thinking of some successful intersections in Kingston. Michael will speak with Neil and Tim about the proper/best way to contact Captain Lucchesi.

8. Any updates on the request to protect the vegetative buffer if/when constructing a path for the Empire State Trail behind the proposed TransHudson project?

Janelle re TransHudson appearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals. TransHudson is still trying to obtain variances to (a) avoid building two stories and (b) allow a drive-through. The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month – Wed Apr 14. Some communities are banning new drive-throughs. We should be doing the same.

Michael: the last set of drawings showed threats to the Empire State Trail in order to push the buffer-area back path.

9. Any updates about the request for more information from the county officials about speeding up the construction of shoulders on Route 299 from Butterville Road to Route 44/55?

Judy will check back with her in mid-April.

10. What about our logo? Michael will follow up with Michele.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31.

Next meeting:

Mon Apr 26, 7-8:30pm

Future 2021 meetings:

Mon May 24, 7-8:30pm

Mon Jun 28, 7-8:30pm

Mon Jul 26, 7-8:30pm

Mon Aug 23, 7-8:30pm

Mon Sep 27, 7-8:30pm

Mon Oct 25, 7-8:30pm

Mon Nov 22, 7-8:30pm

[no meeting in Dec 2021]