

For the New Paltz Bike/Ped Committee

A SHORT REPORT ON THE APRIL 24 MEETING: ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITIES ON THE MOVE

With Jeff Olson, Dennis Doyle, and Peter Karis

I attended in person, while others of the Bike/Ped Committee followed remotely.

It was a worthwhile and well-attended event. It was obvious that most of the crowd knew each other.

The main issues seem to be: Non-motorized transportation, ecological sustainability, complete streets, complete bike/ped networks (beyond recreational trails), good planning, civic engagement, political power, and popular support.

The consciousness and awareness is out there, and close by. What's before us now is how to bring it home and into effect in New Paltz, where we have so far to go. The electeds seem generally on our side, but of course there's competition for public funds.

It was apparent to me that "The Map" is all important as the monument and guarantee of planning. We have to plan ahead, and plan idealistically, so that gradually, step-by-step we can arrive a complete bike/ped network for sustainable, useful, and convenient non-motorized transportation. And that means a comprehensive Map!

Kingston has just published its own ***Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan***, which provides a great blueprint for what a Plan can look like and do. Check it out via this link: <https://substack.com/redirect/7617bb31-8fe0-4313-b9d4-63453770cf5e?j=eyJ1IjoiaMTlwcmdlIn0.zckXqxQ6jvJvbKezYrVSj-nMOop2e7z2bcXTllqi528>,

Neil Bettez told me that their application to the County for funding to do a New Paltz plan was turned down. He suggests we need to rally and show public support to back up a future application. Perhaps this is something tangible we can work with him on.

Respectfully submitted.

Daniel Meeter

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Woodstock Land Conservancy, Woodstock NY Transition and
Woodstock Jewish Congregation
Present



Ulster County Communities on the Move:

An exploration of the past, present, and future
of non-motorized transportation, mobility, complete streets
and our emerging greenway trail system

Monday April 24th, 7 - 9pm
Hybrid (In Person or On Zoom)
Woodstock Jewish Congregation
1682 Glasco Turnpike

The final event of The 11th Annual Woodstock Film & Discussion Series, *Ulster County Communities on the Move: An exploration of the past, present, and future of non-motorized transportation, mobility, complete streets and our emerging greenway trail system* will take place Monday April 24th at 7pm at The Woodstock Jewish Congregation. The evening will bring together leading experts Jeff Olson, co-founder of CitiBike & former principal of Alta Planning, Ulster County Planning Director Dennis Doyle, and Peter Karis, Vice President for Parks and Stewardship at Open Space Institute.

Jeff, Dennis & Peter bring many decades of combined experience, working to help transform our car-centric communities using a complete streets & greenway trails approach to planning. The expert presentations will take a look back at Ulster County's progress-to-date in creating a connected non-motorized transportation network, and help us look ahead as our communities work towards realizing safer, fossil fuel free, equitable non-motorized transportation & greenway trail opportunities.

Area communities are proving that, despite significant challenges, these opportunities are not only achievable, but can be better than we would have ever imagined even a few short years ago. *Please join us to help envision the future of our community streetscapes, connected trail networks, mobility and safe, healthy, active transportation for all. This will be a hybrid event with options to join both in person and on Zoom.*

In person registration link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwxuVbi2C9JDFe-h2R15tvWwaxVwaMvHWaKdBooDcfeownfg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Zoom registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcOyuqjlqEtXcbSsm6yX82_2nY221BfGX

Presented the last Monday of the month from January through April, the Woodstock Film & Discussion Series is free and open to all ages. Donations are welcome and help to support these programs. Donations can be made at the following link https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GMNQKTN5AN72U

About the organizers:

Woodstock Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization committed to the protection and preservation of the open lands, forests, water resources, scenic areas, and historic sites in Woodstock and the surrounding area.

Woodstock Transition is part of the global Transition Town Movement of communities working to re-imagine and rebuild our world in response to the challenges of our time. Woodstock Transition engages locally to strengthen our community's resilience and create positive alternatives.

The Woodstock Jewish Congregation is dedicated to the advancement of Jewish ethics, culture, religion, and sustainability practices. The WJC strives to enable participants to enrich their lives and that of their communities through worship, celebration, study, and fellowship.

For updates, visit www.woodstocklandconservancy.org, www.woodstockNYtransition.org, www.wjcshul.org, or visit our Facebook pages.

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