

# BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mon Jun 26, 2023

## PRESENT

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| Mark Eis     | Wren Kingsley | Dan Lipson    |
| Judy Mage    | Shanna Marie  | Daniel Meeter |
| Steve O'Shea | Kate Pinyavan |               |

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

## NEXT MEETING

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Mon Sep 25, 7-8:30pm

## AGENDA ITEMS:

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### 1. Report back about May 31 meeting with County Executive Jen Metzger

Steve, Judy, and Gaby met with Jen and deputy executive. It took a while to secure the meeting. The meeting lasted a full hour. It has been almost seven years now, and the shoulders still have not been added. The ask: do better than just the status quo shoulders. Install rumble strips, reflectors, and/or something to reduce speed and improve safety. The problem with shoulder projects is that the road appears wider to motorists and the psychological impulse is to drive even faster. Judy pushed for us to be included in the planning. Steve wrote a thank-you letter to Jen Metzger.

Let's frame a letter to Michelle Hinchey expressing disappointment with NYS DOT.

### 2. Neil Bettez fundraising for radar speed signs

Rob reaffirmed that in another conversation other municipalities are short on money too. Rob said the mobile speed sign is over \$10,000.

Ask Sarahana and Michelle Hinchey about this specific and modest ask (for four signs). Request funding from UPD and Police. Put in writing asking town supervisor to allocate funding for this. If the town of Marbletown can fund this, then can't New Paltz too? Mark Eis will work on a draft.

### 3. Daniel Meeter: legislative letter strategy team

Michael, Dan L, Mark, and Daniel Meeter will meet to discuss strategy.

### 4. Dangerous intersection at Plattekill Ave and Hasbrouck Ave

I (Dan L) emailed the student who raised this complaint to see if she would be interested in joining a meeting. The village clerk (Autumn Seguin) told me that the village has repainted the crosswalk there and will soon add improved signage. Other traffic improvements will be happening there too soon.

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### 5. Missing in-street crosswalk sign for River to Ridge crosswalk at Springtown Rd.

Open Space Institute (OSI) is not willing to continue purchasing additional in-street signs. They keep getting stolen. Peter Karis at OSI encourages us to purchase them by fundraising...

What about a speedbump at this crosswalk?

### 6. The Case for a Bike Ped Map

Janelle shared at a prior meeting that, if we produce a complete streets proposal to bring to the board, then the boards will consider our proposal. We could devote an entire meeting to it. We could collaborate with the New Paltz Climate Task Force.

Neil applied for a grant to do this but wasn't awarded the grant. We should make the case for the town planners to keep applying for planning grants required to develop such a bike/ped map.

### 7. "Status of Sidewalk Master Plan 2008"

Daniel M and Tom will work on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33.

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### **FUTURE 2023 MEETING DATES**

[no meeting in Jul 2023]

[no meeting in Aug 2023]

Mon Sep 25, 7-8:30pm

Mon Oct 30, 7-8:30pm (5<sup>th</sup> Monday)

Mon Nov 27, 7-8:30pm (right after Thanksgiving)

[no meeting in Dec 2023]