

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019

PRESENT

Victor de Munck, Mark Eis, Dan Lipson, Judy Mage, Bill Murray, Janelle Peotter.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

AGENDA

1. The Celebration of Life remembrance event for Peter Kaufman (our previous chair) will take place this Friday, March 1. Here is an article covering this event:

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members celebrate the life of Peter Kaufman, professor of sociology

sites.newpaltz.edu/news/2019/03/celebrating-the-life-of-peter-kaufman

At the link above you will find another link to view a video of the entire Celebration of Life event. Here is the direct link for this recorded video:

Celebrating Peter Kaufman; SUNY New Paltz, March 1, 2019

youtube.com/watch?v=eHAdRMfyvUE&feature=youtu.be

2. The committee members agreed to write a letter to town and village officials pushing for bike/ped safety related to the proposed Trans Hudson development at Main Street / 299 and N. Putt Corners Road.
3. The committee members discussed planning another meeting with Sandra Jobson at the New York State Department of Transportation to make the case for additional crosswalks on Main Street (Route 299), especially at Duzine Road.
4. The committee members support efforts to persuade the town and village officials to endorse the Complete Streets vision. We will invite the New York Bicycling Coalition to come to town to do an all-day, in-person, Complete Streets training (from 9:30am to 4pm).
5. Amanda Gotto and Janelle Peotter have been working on completing a New Paltz Climate Smart Communities Greenhouse Gas Inventory. They will share the results before the town and village next month. Transportation makes up the largest portion of the Town's greenhouse gas emissions. The committee members discussed ways to reduce the town's transportation emissions.
6. Bill Murray updated the committee about the condition of the "sidewalk" in front of the new Sunoco station (which was previously the Citgo station) on Main Street (Route 299). There will be a barrier separating pedestrians from the vehicles entering/exiting the gas station. We can contact Corey Worthman in the Village Building Department to request the site plan. This segment is more important now that it will be on the Empire State Trail's pedestrian path. The New York State Department of Transportation has been resistant to a crosswalk at this intersection (Main Street and Prospect Street). It was denied because of concerns about vehicle drivers' ability to see pedestrians as a result of the rise of the hill for drivers heading uphill.

7. Bill Murray brought up concerns about Empire State Trail bicyclists taking a left into what will soon be the new Stewarts (currently Citgo) at the intersection of Henry W. duBois Drive. He is also concerned about the safety of the Empire State Trail crossing at Mulberry Street crossing of N. Chestnut Street (Route 32 North). In addition, he is concerned about the safety of bicycles taking a left turn off of N. Putt Corners Road onto Henry W. duBois Drive, especially given the expanded fire station about to be constructed there. The safety concerns will be exacerbated if the Trans Hudson project is approved and constructed at N. Putt Corners Road and Main Street (Route 299). Bill is proposing that a “dismount to cross” sign be installed at this intersection and would like our committee to write a letter supporting this. A flashing LED lighted crosswalk sign at this intersection would really help.

Adjourned 8:34pm.

Next meeting:

Mar 25

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April 22

Mon May 20

Mon Jun 24

Mon Jul 29 (5th Monday)

Mon Aug 26

Mon Sep 23

Mon Oct 28

Mon Nov 25

[No Dec meeting]