

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2019

PRESENT

Donna Bruschi, Dan Lipson, Judy Mage, Steve Michalski, Janelle Peotter, Michael Reade

Meeting called to order at 8:04pm

AGENDA

Here are the items I have for our agenda:

1. We discussed the TransHudson proposal (presented at the Town Planning Board meeting at 7pm, which we all attended) to open a CVS store and Five Guys restaurant (or at least that's our latest understanding) at the corner of Main Street (Route 299) and N. Putt Corners Road:
 - a. We should reiterate our call for traffic to be diverted through the back border of the property. See below.
 - b. We are very concerned. It's a poor choice. It's a poor location. Put on the record that cyclists/pedestrians will get injured. There will be collisions. It's a warning. We should send this to the Town Board, Village Board, and elected officials. Include data of how many come off the walkway.
 - i. Safety concerns.
 - ii. No entrance on 299. But if there is one, there must be a protected bikeway through back of property.
 - iii. But we're concerned about that diversion, as by creating a funnel away from Main Street, this harms business bicycle/pedestrian traffic to Main Street.
 - iv. Closing point: we have been proposing these points over and over.
 - c. We recommend routing the Empire State Trail through the back – not through a parking lot, but through a protected bicycle/pedestrian path that avoids two high-traffic ingress/egresses.
 - i. Janelle is wondering who declined that proposal. The TransHudson attorney mentioned that this proposal was rejected. Who rejected this proposal?
2. Our committee supports having the acting chair (Dan) submit a letter of support for the town's Greenway Grant proposal (which focuses on formally planning what the vision of the "gateway" district by Main Street and Putt Corners Road should be).
3. Janelle: we should advocate that the town and village endorse Complete Streets. Ellenville, Kingston, etc. have done this endorsement. Let's have our committee head up the effort to have an event. Invite folks from town/village committees to attend. Then get the free training. There has to be buy-in and motivation. Let's add this to the agenda of our next meeting.

4. Membership of our committee: some of the attendees of our meeting are not official members. If any of you wish to become official members then speak with the acting chair (Dan) about how to get the ball rolling on officially joining the committee.

5. Michael: let's discuss the memo we received many months ago from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) after our in-person meeting in Poughkeepsie with Department of Transportation officials. Let's put that on the agenda for next month. Let's have another meeting with Regional Planning and Program Manager Sandra Jobson about the need for more crosswalks on Main Street / Route 299 between the middle school and Cherry Hill Road, among other needs. Let's research other towns that have similar setups but that have more crosswalks. Let's do some research about Route 9 in Lake George and Saratoga Springs.

Adjourned 8:49pm

Next meeting:

Feb 25, 2019

Then:

Mon Mar 25

Mon 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]