

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee
Minutes – September 28, 2010
New Paltz Town Hall

Present: Jackie Andrews, Justin Dates, Matthew Flusser, Judy Mage, Sherry Osborn, Clark Peaslee, Alan Stout, Brian Wallace, Joe Bergstein (guest), Terry Dungan (guest), Dawn Elliott (guest)

Disposition on agenda items:

1. SUNY New Paltz benches – Brian talked with John Shupe and will write a story about the benches planned for 2011, with the renovation of the Mohonk Walk. When discussing any topic concerning LOOP buses, it's important to keep Margie Yablon informed.
2. Bike parking at the Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride – There seems to be slow progress about getting bike lockers installed at this location.
3. Joe Bergstein discussed proposals he is making for incentives to get people out of cars and onto bikes and on foot. The key proposal is the "Five-Mile Challenge," a program in which shoppers arriving at local businesses on bicycle would receive discounts.
4. The South Putt Corners Road petition – successful.
5. Complete Streets. Brian Wallace aptly described this concept as both a goal and a goad: "A goal is a goad." In other words, Complete Streets both advances an agenda and sets it. Bill feels that the committee ought to make Complete Streets one of its major goals (or goads). Check out the website *completestreets.org*. At present, New Paltz has no true complete street.
6. Streetlight inventory – No news on this front.
7. Rail Trail – Work is moving forward to connect the Highland and Wallkill Valley Rail Trails. It would be great to involve the Women's Studio Workshop. Bill will resend this material.
8. Highway repair – re 208. Bill sent a letter to Town Supervisor Hokanson.
9. Village Planning Board – There is currently an application for improvements to 54 Church Street. Bill has contacted the Village Planning Board about the importance of adding bike racks to this property. The Village Planning Board is receptive to making it more possible to use bicycles in New Paltz.
10. Path to the Fairgrounds – No new.

New Business:

1. Complete streets – The committee unsuccessfully sought the Town's endorsement.
2. Wildcat Epic Bike Race – went well. 150 riders.
3. Letter from Lois Cohen – Village Mayor Terry Dungan will respond to her.
4. Police Commission – cyclists on the sidewalk, while illegal, are hard to police. Alan will send details.
5. Path between BOCES to Agway – Opening this path would be a terrific amenity for residents walking to and from the Village along Chestnut/32N.

Note: Alan will work on the website.\

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Andrews
