

**Bicycle Pedestrian Committee  
Minutes – January 10, 2012  
At Village Hall  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**The meeting convened at 7:03 pm.**

**Village:**

Justin Dates  
Matthew Flusser  
Judy Mage

**Town**

Jackie Andrews  
Alan Stout  
Bill Weinstein

**SUNY:** Kevin Caskey

**Liaisons**

Ariana Basco, Village

**Absent:**

**Town:** Clark Peaslee

**Town Liaison:** Not yet named

**Visiting:**

Colin Salt  
Madison Schirripa (New Paltz High School PIG class)  
Brianna Wendel (New Paltz High School PIG class)

**Announcements**

- Village rep position remains open.
- Town liaison not yet named.
- The committee thanked Alan and Margarete Stout for hosting a year-end committee party in their home.

**Public Input**

**Old Business**

1. **Bicycle Parking at Thruway Park & Ride. (Bill)** No current updates.
2. **Highland Rail Trail / Wallkill Valley Rail Trail link. (Bill)** Bill can provide a CD of the final feasibility report.
3. **South Putt project.** Justin reports that he received word from Ulster County engineer Andrew Emmerich, that UC, DOT and the consulting engineer are still in contract negotiations. Justin will draft a letter for the committee to send requesting status updates from Mr. Emmerich.
4. **Main Street crosswalks. (Bill)** The new Main Street crosswalk has been added at Grove Street. A better way to cross Main Street at Duzine is desperately needed. Judy Mage noted that Main Street crosswalk signs have been taken in for winter because snow-removal trucks need them out of the way. Arianna contacted Jason via text message to get his approval to leave the crosswalk signs in place until we actually get snow. He agreed.
5. **Route 32N at BOCES. (Ariana Basco).** Ariana asked the committee to comment on draft letters concerning the Route 32N-Old Kingston Road connector. The letters are addressed to BOCES and the adjoining property owner. The committee suggested minor changes. Ariana will give the letters to Nora tomorrow.
6. **Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks. (Jackie, Matt, Judy)** Judy Mage has contacted SUNY's Keith Kenny, who helped organize the students who helped clear post-storm debris for Village seniors. Mr. Kenny will look

into organizing a similar squad of students from athletic teams to remove sidewalk and walkway snow for seniors. Madison Schirripa and Brianna Wendel, students from New Paltz High School's Participation in Government (PIG) class thinks the PIG teacher would like this project and suggested we contact her.

7. **Wilmorite Project (SUNY New Paltz campus extension) / college planning for bikes. (Kevin Caskey / Dan Guenther).** Kevin reports that while there is a clear east-west route through the college campus, there is no similar north-south route. Current campus redesign plans may not be including a north-south bike-friendly axis.
8. **New Paltz bike-ped survey. (Jackie Andrews, Justin Dates)** Jackie distributed a final draft for the committee's consideration. For next meeting: What 10 locations would serve as the best nodes for distributing and collecting printed surveys?
9. **Bike-ped display for expo's. (Bill)** As always, Bill promises to re-do the display promptly..
10. **Bike-safety video for broadcast on New Paltz public access (Bill)** Bill looked at a number of videos and did not find any worth using.
11. **New Paltz Stop Distracted Driving update. (Bill)** Bill updated the committee about the work of NPSDD. Kevin asserted that texting will go the way of drunk driving as the weight of social desirability begins to make this kind of behavior less acceptable. Judy Mage notes that word will spread as laws become tougher.

### **New Business**

1. **List of committee accomplishments, 2009-2010. (Bill)**The committee reviewed and ratified a list of accomplishments for forwarding to the new Town of New Paltz supervisor and board.
2. **Ideas for specific improvements for biking in New Paltz (following up on Dan Guenther's proposals).** Ariana noted that there was general support from the board\ Further discussion at next meeting. Kevin agreed that there should be N-S and E-W corridors in the Village but noted that some of Dan's proposals, such as the elimination of many parking spaces, overshadowed the practicality of the proposal as a whole, making other aspects of the plan harder to achieve. Bill asked the committee how we can take advantage of the momentum of Dan's proposals.
3. **Anticipating Bike Month.** Shelved.
  - a. Bike to Work Day.
  - b. Eat to Ride! / Ride to Eat!
4. **Engaging Village Planning board in notifying New Paltz about bike-rack guidelines.** Alan reported that Mulberry Square Apartments just installed a new "wheel-bender" bike rack. It raises the question about how we can get well-intentioned property owners to conform to modern guidelines. One idea is to reach out to the Village Planning Board.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.**

**Next Meeting –February 28, 2012, Village Hall**