

**Bicycle Pedestrian Committee  
Minutes – September 12, 2012  
At Village Hall  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**The meeting was convened 7:19.**

**Present:**

Justin Dates (Village)  
Judy Mage (Village)  
Alan Stout (Town)  
Bill Weinstein (Town)

**Absent:**

Jackie Andrews (Town)  
Ariana Basco (Village Liaison; brief appearance—Village Board meeting held at same time)  
Matt Flusser (Village)  
Jeff Logan (Town Liaison)  
Clark Peaslee (Town)

**Announcements**

- The Village rep and SUNY rep positions remain open. Some suggestions: (1) Speak to Peter Kaufman, who helped with this before. (2) Speak to local biking groups, like Fats in the Cats or the Minnewaska Bike Patrol. (3) Contact the local bike shops. (Alan will speak to Mike at The Bicycle Rack; Bill will speak to Jeff at Bike Depot.

**Public Input**

- None

**Old Business**

1. **Bicycle Parking at Thruway Park & Ride.** Lisa Mondello at DOT expects it to be erected within the near future.
2. **Highland Rail Trail / Wallkill Valley Rail Trail link / HW DuBois.** (Judy Mage) Nothing new on this topic.
3. **South Putt project.** The committee discussed the proposed (or ongoing) widening of S. Putt Corners Road and whether the project has stalled. The major question is how the committee can help move the project forward. Alan Stout suggested that this issue is an active topic for the Transportation Implementation Committee and that the TIC ought to have at least one more chance to examine what's happening and to come up with a strategy for addressing problems.
4. **Letter to paper from Rock and Snow owner Rich Gottlieb.** The committee discussed Rich's letter to the New Paltz Times and its significance in terms of public interest concerning bike-friendly shoulders on 299 up to 44/55. Bill had been in the store and had talked to him about it. Rich thinks its critical to make it a better roadway for bikes.
5. **College to Harvest Hills bike-ped connection.** Justin and Bill are still planning to visit the area to see what sort of bridge or bridges could be inexpensively installed to get across the seasonal and non-seasonal watercourses in this area.
6. **Moving forward with the bike-ped survey.** Led by Jackie Andrews and Justin Dates, the committee discussed the bike-ped survey.

Survey Locations: Bike/Ped Rep:

Bus Station/Justin Dates  
Convenient Deli/Jackie Andrews  
Elting Library/Jackie  
Performance Sports & Wellness/Bill Weinstein  
My Market/Alan Stout  
PDQ Printers/Justin

Starbucks/Bill  
The Bakery/Bicycle Rack Dawn Eliot or Alan Stout  
True Value/Shirley Warren  
Ulster Savings Dawn Eliot  
Rino's Jackie/Andrews  
NP Village Hall/Justin Dates  
NP Town Hall/Justin Dates

#### Board Meetings:

It's important to bring the Town and Villages boards on board the project. The upcoming Town Board and Village Board meeting both fall on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

Bill will be attending the Town Board meeting and Jackie will attend the Village Board meeting. Each will seek to be put on the agenda or discussed during 'public comment'.

#### Survey Boxes:

Justin has the ballot boxes and has printed the box labels. The label just needs to be adhered to each box. Then he can distribute them to everyone at the next meeting.

Jackie is going to get a copy of the survey to Bill for printing.

Initially each location will receive 25 copies of the survey (325 copies needed to start). More can be printed as needed.

#### Survey Period:

It was agreed to have the survey out at the locations Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Letter to owner at each location:

I think the letter can serve as part of the discussion with the owner's of each location. Then it can also be used for the press release. 2 or 3 birds with 1 stone.

#### **New Business**

1. **Main Street crossing signs.** The new crosswalk at Main and Grove needs an in-street crossing sign. Bill texted Ariana during the meeting, to ask her to speak to Jason about the matter. (Jason and the new Village planner, Curt LaValla, have subsequently expressed interest in making this happen.)
2. **Town approval for Wallkill Valley Rail Trail improvement.** Judy Mage relayed a request from Pat Kelly of the WVRT that the Plattekill Creek bridge, just south of Taliaferro Farm, will be replanked starting 10/29 (a five-day project). Because the Town owns the bridge, The RT needs formal town approval and is asking the committee to relay this request to Susan Zimet. (NOTE: Bill wrote to Susan after the meeting. Susan wrote back to say that the town board was due to consider this on Thursday, 9/19.)
3. **Chestnut Street reconstruction at Stewart's.** Judy Mage reported that she spoke to Tom Story, DOT point-man on the project for repairs to the Tributary 13 culvert on N. Chestnut in front of Stewarts, about an asphalt path from the adjacent sidewalk walking bridge back to the thoroughfare. Currently, the new shoulder will be less than a foot wide, northbound. (The southbound side will be five feet wide.) She suggested the committee contact Mr. Story about it. (Alan and Bill visited the site the next day. Bill wrote to Mr. Story suggesting a two-legged path, one leading from the south end of the culvert to the bridge and the second leading from the bridge back to Chestnut. This would divert northbound bike traffic around the culvert, making the roadway more passable for inexperience or elderly cyclists, who might be less comfortable going into the traffic lane while headed north. Mr. Story expressed interest and said he'd bring the idea to this Poughkeepsie office when he visited on 9/18.)
4. **Woodland Pond/Lent Farms connector.** Woodland Pond wants to keep the connector path open. Lent Farms residents wish to see it shut down. From the start, the committee's problem with this connector is that it was striped only on one side of the roadway for two-way bike travel. Someone should meet with Town Highway

Superintendent to find out plans. Justin will look up town road specs to see if road could be striped with lanes on two sides.

5. **Cherry Hill neighborhood (Joalynn Road)/“The Ridge” apartments (Route 32) connector.** The committee believes that village planning board approval for building this apartment complex included leaving the east end of the complex open for bike-ped access. Currently, there is a lock and chain across the emergency access road. The committee recalls that the Cherry Hill community was against motor access but for bike-ped access. Bill said he would contact the village planning board. (He wrote the next day but has not heard back from them.)\_
6. **Bike-ped budget, 2013.** Alan will fill this out and submit it to the town board.
7. **Bike racks in storage at the new STS Auto at North Chestnut and Mulberry.** Alan believes that they must have several bike racks in storage, left over from when Mike Rizzi owned the property. Mike also owned the property on which the new N. Chestnut/Wallkill Valley Rail Trail park and ride was installed. Alan will contact STS. (Alan has done so. He found three racks there and brought them to this garage, where they will remain in temporary storage until a use can be found for them.)
8. **Ped-Flags at Wallkill Valley Rail Trail crossing at Main Street.** This crossing has new ped-flags. The WVTR and Water Street Market shared the cost of the new pedflags. Bill ordered the flags. Karma Road restaurant is placing the flags in the roadside canisters as needed.

**The e meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.**

**Next meeting – Monday, October 29, 2012 at Town Hall**

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**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR TEXT OF BIKE-PED SURVEY. IT FITS ON BOTH SIDES OF A SINGLE SHEET WHEN PRINTED.**

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee of the Village and the Town of New Paltz wants to know how you get around New Paltz when you are NOT in your car. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below. Many thanks! Your answers will improve the experience for pedestrians in New Paltz and beyond.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee  
Village and Town of New Paltz

First tell us something about yourself. You are primarily...

- A resident of the Town of New Paltz
- A resident of the Village of New Paltz
- A resident outside of the Town or Village of New Paltz

In your opinion, are the sidewalks in New Paltz adequate?

- Yes
- No
- Please comment:

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Do you feel unsafe in sidewalks or crosswalks in New Paltz? Please be specific as to condition and/or location.

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Without a car, can you get to the following?

	YES	NO
New Paltz Loop bus (circulator loop)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Paltz Link bus (to Poughkeepsie station)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trailways bus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If NO, why not? Please check all that apply.

- Too far to walk
- Missing sidewalks
- Unsafe conditions
- Something else...

When you are on foot, what are your reasons? Please check all that apply. On the line that follows your choice, please rank in order, with "1" being the most important reason.

- Exercise \_\_\_\_\_
- Commute \_\_\_\_\_
- Getting around town \_\_\_\_\_
- Appreciate nature \_\_\_\_\_
- Recreation \_\_\_\_\_
- Something else... \_\_\_\_\_

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How walkable is New Paltz?

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor



Have you been on a bicycle in New Paltz in the past year?

- Yes
- No

Which of the following concerns do you have about being on a bike in New Paltz? Please check all that apply.

- Too much traffic
- Lack of bike lanes
- Lack of bike parking
- Poor lighting
- Crowded conditions
- Poor road or path surface
- Trash and other debris
- Bad or uneven surfaces, like grates, utility covers
- Driver behavior
- Something else...

Are there locations in New Paltz that need bike racks? Please be as specific as possible.

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Thinking of your last walk or bike ride, was your journey pleasant?

- Yes
- No

What did you encounter that made your bicycle trip pleasant? Please check all that apply.

- Trees and flowers
- Well lighted spaces
- Pleasant people
- Friendly dogs
- Clean spaces
- Plenty of room
- Something else...

How friendly is New Paltz to those trying to get somewhere or do something using non-motorized transportation (i.e., not cars)?

Excellent – Super Friendly	Good – More than OK	Fair – Just So-So	Poor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for your opinions. The Bike/Ped Committee will use the information that results from this survey to improve conditions in New Paltz for those on foot and on two wheels. Please message [bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org](mailto:bikeped1@townofnewpaltz.org) for information.