

**Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Minutes – November 12, 2012
At New Paltz Community Center
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM

Present

Jackie Andrews, Town (briefly)
Clark Peaslee, Town
Alan Stout, Town
Bill Weinstein, Town

Ariana Basco, Village Liaison
Justin Dates, Village

Absent

Judy Mage, Village
Jeff Logan, Town Liaison

Visiting

Molly Hone, reporter from Oracle

Announcements

- Matt Flusser has left the committee. We now need two Village reps.

Public Input

Old Business

1. **Bicycle Parking at Thruway Park & Ride.** Nothing to report.
2. **Highland Rail Trail / Walkkill Valley Rail Trail link / HW DuBois.** Nothing to report.
3. **South Putt project.** County money has been found in order to initiate the first stages of the project.
4. **College to Harvest Hills bike-ped connection.** Alan Stout, Justin Dates, Bill Weinstein and Curt Lavalla are still planning to visit the site. Carol Connolly interested in joining the group.
5. **Status update on bike -ped survey.** As of submission of these minutes, Jackie has the surveys as has asked if people can help her with the data input. Many thanks to Justin and Jackie for spearheading this. A tip of the hat as well to Shirley Warren, whose decorated survey boxes clearly attracted more interest, especially the one at Dedrick's.
6. **Main Street crossing signs.** There is currently no additional money in the Village budget for crossing signs. DOT has trimmed trees blocking the visibility of the new crosswalk signs at Grove Street.
7. **Woodland Pond/Lent Farms connector.** Bill reported that he had visited the site of the connecting road about an hour before the meeting. While there he spoke to the father-and-son contractors who were laying pipe along the roads at the Lent Farms side of the connecting road. They told him they see walkers and bicyclists all day. The consensus of the committee was that the committee should draft a letter to the Town and Village stating our support for providing open and easy access for bicycles and pedestrians between Woodland Pond and Lent Farms. [Judy Mage has since voiced objection to the draft of this letter. The issue will be reconsidered at the next meeting.]
8. **Cherry Hill neighborhood (Joalyn Road)/"The Ridge" apartments (Route 32) connector.** Bill has spoken to Kathy Moniz about whether the chain across this connector road conforms to the site plan and whether the site plan calls for the road to be paved. Currently, the road is graveled.
9. **Bike racks in storage at the new STS Auto at North Chestnut and Mulberry.** The committee thanked Alan for retrieving the racks from STS Auto, where they had been left by the business's previous owner, who had been involved in creating the park and ride opposite Stewart's. The committee discussed potential places for

these racks, including the post office parking lot and schools. It was noted that the some of responses to the bike-ped survey mention possible rack locations.

New Business

1. **Next year's meeting schedule.** With apologies to anyone who is inconvenienced, Bill announced that the committee needs to meet on Mondays in 2013, to conform to his family's schedule. He will contact the Town and Village clerks about dates.
2. **Bike-ped committee participation in application for Safe Routes to School planning grant.** Bill informed the committee of his and Alan's participation in writing a SRTS planning grant. Unusually, this is a joint Town-Village effort, and New Paltz is likely to receive the grant, being one of two localities applying, with two grants to be awarded. Although the schools are obviously involved in SRTS efforts, its sign-off was not needed for this application. The grant will gain invaluable technical assistance in creating shovel-ready projects for sidewalks and bike-signage when SRTS money is available. This includes sidewalks in the Village that had long been in real need of installation and repair. Our committee's Sidewalk Master Plan (2008) was the key appendix to this application. Village Planner Curt Lavalla and Assistant to Town Supervisor Carol Connolly spearheaded the effort.
3. **Chestnut Street reconstruction at the culvert at Stewart's.** NYSDOT has turned down our request to make the northbound passage over the Tributary 13 culvert safer. The committee asked Bill to visit the site with Curt Lavalla to see whether he thinks it worthwhile for the Village DPW to place the asphalt bypass to the pedestrian bridge over the culvert. The committee also discussed the best response to NYSDOT, under the circumstances. One constant issue to continually keep the Supervisor and Mayor up-to-date on bike-ped issues and the need to advocate for them at the state and county level.
4. **Village parking plan.** Ariana presented an outline of the plan. The committee voted to support the bike-ped recommendations.
5. **Meeting in December.** The committee agreed that it would be useful to meet again in December if there are preliminary results from the bike-ped survey.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47.

The next meeting will be in January unless otherwise announced. [A decision has since been made to meet again in December. The meeting will take place at Village Hall, 7:00-9:00.]