

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Minutes –April 8, 2013
At Village Hall
7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:07

Present:

Ariana Basco, Village Liaison
Bill Weinstein, Chair and Town Member
Curt Lavalla, Village Planner
Jackie Andrews, Town
Judy Mage, Village

Absent:

Alan Stout, Town
Clark Peaslee, Town
Jeff Logan, Town Liaison
Justin Dates, Village

Announcements

- We still have two Village rep vacancies

Public Comment

- .None.

Approval of March minutes.

Old Business

1. **Bicycle Parking at Thruway Park & Ride.**
2. **South Putt project.** Justin, Alan and Bill will draft a letter to the project director.
3. **Woodland Pond/Lent Farms connector.** No news.
4. **Cherry Hill neighborhood (Joalyn Road)/“The Ridge” apartments (Route 32) connector.** Curt will find out minimum distance required between “goal posts.” George Sifre did not return promised phone calls to Bill.
5. **Safe Routes to School technical assistance grant.** Brian Slack has forwarded to UC the draft RFP for consulting services. So the project is moving forward.
6. **Chestnut Street reconstruction at the culvert at Stewart’s: letter to the Town and Village.** Judy wants the committee to send the letter she drafted. Bill promised to follow up on this.
7. **Village and Town responses to bike-ped resolution re NYSDOT 2-year capital plan. Update.** The New York State Bicycle Coordinator for NYSDOT finally responded to the committee.
8. **Bike-ped survey results.** Bill will send a revised narrative to the paper.
9. **Shirley Warren’s query re crosswalks on HWDuB.** Shirley want to know where petition is to be directed: Village, not Town or DOT. Judy Mage delivered personal letters to village liaison Ariana Basco. Curt: need for a speed table on HW, just east of proposed crosswalk. Ariana will propose allocating money for curbcuts here, allocating money from sidewalk reserve fund.
10. **Bike Month 2013.** Activities for this year are shelved due to low committee membership.

New Business

1. **Recruitment for committee.** The committee discussed the issue.

Adjourned at 8:28.

The next meeting will be at Village Hall, Monday, 5/13/13.

Materials relating to proposal for a crosswalk at Mulberry Square apartments across HW DuBois:

Petition:

Date:

To: New Paltz Town Board

Cc: Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

We, the undersigned, residents of Mulberry Square Apartments, request that the town of New Paltz establish a crosswalk on Henry W DuBois Dr. from the entrance to our development across to the sidewalk on the south side of Henry W DuBois.

At present, it is often unsafe to try to Cross Henry W DuBois. Many seniors live in our development and find it difficult to cross the street to get to the sidewalk. Many of us wish to walk into the village and this situation makes it very hazardous.

Name	Unit No:	email/phone (optional)
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Letter to Sheyda Eversley to her Mulberry Square neighbors about the need for the crosswalk:

WE NEED A CROSSWALK

One of the reasons I moved to Mulberry Square seven months ago is because of its proximity to town.

The location of our development is unique: on the South side (through the main entrance) we are within walking distance of the Post Office, The Bakery, the Library, the bus station, the Rail Trail and the many shops, restaurants and schools in the village; and on the North side (the chained-off entrance to Mulberry Street), we can easily walk to Moriello Pool (which we and our children enjoy each summer), the New Paltz Town Hall, and the New Paltz Community Center. I myself WALK to at least one of these destinations every day.

However, at present it is *unsafe* to cross Henry W. Dubois Drive to get to the sidewalk on the South side. There is no crosswalk, and most drivers exceed the 30 MPH speed limit. Some of you may also wish to walk to the village, but find the current situation hazardous. Many of our

resident neighbors are elderly; others have young children. We all need to feel confident and safe.

I would like to request that the town of New Paltz establish a legal CROSSWALK on Henry W. Dubois Drive, from our entrance at Mulberry Square to the sidewalk on the South side.

I plan to submit a written petition to the New Paltz Town Board. If you would like to offer your support, please let me know when I can come by your apartment with my petition, so that you can add your name to the list of concerned residents.

My email address is: sheyda10@gmail.com

OR ***DROP THIS LETTER SIGNED*** IN THE BIN BY MY DOOR AT #51 BY APRIL 6TH

Thank you for your support.

Sheyda Eversley
Unit 51

Shirley Warren's letter of support:

April 3, 2013

I address this letter: To Whichever Public Committee Makes This Kind of Decision:

Although I have a drivers license and a car, I choose to travel within New Paltz as a pedestrian, as often as possible. I live in the Town of New Paltz, about a half mile from the boundary limit of the Village of New Paltz, just off Prospect Street. I have always been upset that the sidewalk on Henry W. DuBois Drive, which begins at Route 32, ends at the limit of new construction, and even at that, the sidewalk is only on the Village (south) side of the road.

For the past year I have been walking to visit a friend who lives in the Mulberry Square Apartments on DuBois. There is no crosswalk at Prospect Street, but *usually* cars obey the four-way stop sign. After I cross DuBois and walk west (correctly, facing traffic) on the south side of DuBois to where the sidewalk begins, I can then walk safely until I am opposite the entrance to Mulberry Square Apartments. Then I have to cross DuBois without a crosswalk to get to my friend's apartment. This is very hazardous. The cars on DuBois rarely obey the 30 mph speed limit. They are racing up the hill from Route 32, or they are

racing down the hill from the stop sign at Prospect Street. They cannot easily see me, as there is a hill and I am short. I always feel as though I am taking my life in my hands to cross that street.

I know that there are many senior citizens as well as families with young children living in Mulberry Square, which is situated a nice walking distance to the Village of New Paltz. I am sure that these families are even more disturbed by the lack of a legal crosswalk than I am, as they have to negotiate DuBois Drive more often than I do. I strongly feel that there should be a legal crosswalk, complete with stripes and warning cones, from the entrance to Mulberry Square Apartments to the south side of DuBois. It would be even better if there were also sidewalks all up and down both sides of DuBois, but at least we should begin with the crosswalk.