

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Minutes –June 10, 2013
At Village Hall
7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:03

Present:

Justin Dates, Village
Peter Kaufman, SUNY
Dan Lipson, Town rep in application
Judy Mage, Village
Pamela St . John , Town rep in application
Bill Weinstein, Town/Chair

Ariana Basco, Village Liaison

Absent:

Alan Stout, Town
Jeff Logan, Town Liaison

Announcements

- There are two Village vacancies, one current Town vacancy and shortly there will be another Town vacancy.
- The committee acknowledges of Jackie Andrews’s contributions to the committee and wishes her well in her retirement.

Public Comment

- None.

Approval of May minutes.

Old Business

1. **Bicycle Parking at Thruway Park & Ride.** There is no news at this time. NYSDOT Region 8’s Lisa Mondello has fielded Bill’s most recent inquiry to the appropriate office and awaits an answer.
2. **South Putt project.** The project is moving forward.
3. **Woodland Pond/Lent Farms connector.** Bill did not contact Highway Superintendent Chris Marx.
4. **Safe Routes to School technical assistance grant.** The grant is moving forward.
5. **Committee member recruitment.** Judy Mage drafted a flyer that ought to hang in strategic New Paltz locations (e.g., bike shops, elsewhere).
6. **Chestnut Street reconstruction at the culvert at Stewart’s: letter to the Town and Village.** See below, New Business, Item 2.
7. **Crosswalk at HWDuBois for Mulberry Square Apartments.** Ariana reported that the Village Board was friendly to the idea of placing a crosswalk here. She participated in a site visit with the Village planner, DPW and Village Engineer. They took measurements. They estimate that it will cost no more than \$12,000 total. Ariana spoke to the team about the committee’s safety concerns. The team’s consensus is that this location, even though it is not at an intersection, was the safest alternative for getting pedestrians from Mulberry Square into the Village core, with more than 300 feet of visibility in either direction. Perhaps a lower speed limit on HW DuBois would also address safety concerns? Ariana is hopeful for completion over the summer. Judy Mage suggested to Ariana that she contact Sheyda and Shirley about progress on this, since they were the movers and shakers for the projects.

New Business

1. **Route 299 developments.** There is interest on the part of the Open Space Institute to place a shoulder or shoulders on Route 299 in the flats and also going up the newly purchased Gatehouse.

2. **Letter to NYS Bike Coordinator: draft capital plan, culvert on No. Chestnut at Stewarts, longstanding problems on Route 208. Discussion of Bill's revision of Judy's original letter.** Bill re-drafted JudyMage's letter to NYSDOT about the North ChestnutStreet culvert, retolling it to include longstanding problems on Route 208 hill north of Dressel's Farms. Bill's letter has found wide distribution: both municipal boards, state senator and assemblyman, ulster county legislature, Sierra Club, New Palt Times, elsewhere.
3. **Bike racks in town and village**
4. **Sidewalk at Pasquale's.** Dan Lipson asked why the sidewalk along the building at 3 Cherry Hill Road, which was built by Pasquale, disappears when you get to Pasquale's Pizza at the corner.

We adjourn for the summer, barring any unforeseen developments. The next meeting will be at Village Hall, Monday, 9/9/13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm/