



Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

January 10, 2019

7:30 – 9:00 am

3rd Floor Town Hall, Engineering Conference Room

1) Introductions

The meeting started at 7:33 A.M.

2) Activity

Members worked collaboratively on questions on the Bike Friendly Community application.

3) Updates

a) Bike Walk Glastonbury

J Stein reported that the Bike Rickshaw project has encountered problems in that volunteer drivers would need to provide their own insurance. Stein stated that the Town is willing to store, but not own the rickshaw.

S Smith suggested that a public town meeting be held to weigh in on what the public would want to see from a bike/pedestrian perspective. Wethersfield has conducted a written survey available to the public at multiple venues to gather information. Involved staff there include Peter Gillespie-Town Planner, Bike Walk Wethersfield-Rob O'Connor & Kevin Sullivan. It was thought that Glastonbury could look at this type of process with a limited scope or project.

Stein, D Desmarais and D Dauphinais are working on new efforts to speak to property owners for the Bicycle Friendly Facility project.

b) Town Departments

i. Engineering

D Pennington reported that DOT approached the Town regarding Putnam Bridge project. The design identified the need for a larger and longer retaining wall, at an increased cost. Design plan is to limit length of retaining wall and increase earthen slope. This decreases flood storage, and the Town has no mechanism to waive this. DOT needs a letter to support installation regardless of fill in flood plain. The Town Manager has provided a letter to DOT.

We are on the home stretch of the Multi-use Trail. The Town has received DEEP's notice of intent (to allow 30 day comment). Army Corps of Engineers has issued their letter of intent. The final design submission went to DOT & CRCOG. Comments to date are currently being addressed. Pennington stated that CRCOG is doing a cost review. In lieu of 33 acres, a Conservation Easement has been proposed to address the intrusion into the wetlands. The Town is now seeking private homeowner easement approvals to allow boardwalk placement over sewer easement. Signed consents are required before Glastonbury Conservation Commission and DOT will okay.

Pennington is anticipating a 2 month turnaround on this. It is not thought that new governor will create any change to this project.

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ii. Parks & Recreation

A Park is working with S Smith and Ann Marie Colebrook to work with physical education teachers at schools. An April 6th event with Bike Walk CT (BWC) is planned. BWC will organize/co-sponsor a 1 day class (full day Saturday) for PE teachers to talk about Grade 4 curriculum. Event will be open to teachers from all over- not restricted to Glastonbury. Two spots will be reserved specifically for Glastonbury teachers. BWC is developing posters/press releases. There will also be a smart cycling bike safety clinic on April 27 for ages 15 and older.

Park is continuing conversation with S Smith from BWC regarding bike valet parking at the Farmer Market. Park is working to plan an Open Streets event.

iii. Police Department

J Hodder reported that data about vehicle vs bicycle crashes goes to UConn. There is no data specific to bikes only. There is approximately a one month turnaround between reporting and on-line information with UConn. Hodder accesses information through UConn Crash Data Repository.

4) Other Items

- a) D Sharp spoke about the trail between Tryon Farm to High Street School, as well as the right of way behind Red Hill to Earle Park. There is an obstacle getting through Stockade Rd.
- b) W Mis stated there would be a short meeting to work on the BFC application January 22 at 7:30 AM for members who are available to attend.

5) Adjournment: 8:58 A.M.

X	Dan Sharp	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Jeffrey Hodder	Town of Glastonbury, Police Department
X	Wendy Mis	Town of Glastonbury, Health
X	Anna Park	Town of Glastonbury, Parks and Recreation
X	Dan Pennington	Town of Glastonbury, Engineering
X	Jeff Stein	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Ron DeGray	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Susan Smith	Bike Walk Connecticut

Upcoming meetings:

March 14, 2019
May 9, 2019
July 11, 2019
September 12, 2019
November 14, 2019

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