



Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

March 14, 2019

7:30 – 9:00 am

3rd Floor Town Hall, Engineering Conference Room

1) Introductions

The meeting started at 7:37 A.M. A list of attendees can be found at the end of this document.

2) Activity

a) Town Departments

- i. **Health Department:** Mis reminded members of the upcoming deadline for League of American Bicyclists social media input in support of the Bicycle Friendly Community application.
- ii. **Engineering:** Dan Pennington not in attendance
- iii. **Parks and Recreation:** Anna Park reported that the bicycle education workshops have been planned and advertised. Spots are being reserved for two or three Glastonbury educators. Program will include Traffic Skills 101. Event, created and supported through Bike Walk Connecticut, Parks and Recreation, and Glastonbury Public Schools, will be April 6 from 9 AM to 5 PM. On April 27 from 9 AM to 5 PM, the program will include Smart cycling, Traffic Skills 101, and will be open to the public. A program brochure will go out this weekend, with registration next week. Keith from Cycling Concepts offered bikes to S Smith for the workshops if needed.

D Dauphinais, D Desmarais, and A Park are considering a different program to replace the Bicycle Scavenger Hunt.

Susan Smith, Anne Marie Colebrook and A Park met with CT Cycling Advancement Program (CCAP) from Middletown. CCAP is active with encouraging communities and schools to provide cycling clubs.

A Park spoke of her familiarity of Hershey Track and Field event, and proposed a similar event for 4th and 5th grade students with Phys Ed teachers outside of the school day.

- b) **Bike Walk Glastonbury** D Sharp reported on discussion from the recent meeting. Bike racks in town were discussed. Cycling Without Age is experiencing a problem due to the need for insurance. Sharp reported that BWG has a large email list of interested members, but often has the same core group of members that attend meetings and provide support at activities.

- 3) **Other items:** Park suggested a celebration with medical community and Goodwin College to open trails. This would help promote trails and usage with new residents and housing with new businesses.

Members questioned whether BWG/BAG can be involved with discussion/decision regarding money in budget for traffic calming on Main Street. The end of the trail at Western Boulevard has no soft landing/transition. A wish for a landing zone was expressed. Additionally, a wish list for amenities on the trail (ex. benches) was discussed. Signage linking the Smith School trail to the new multi-use trail was discussed. Smith suggested network signage. West Hartford, and Cheshire

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are working with BWCT and CT DOT to identify potential signage routes. The Glastonbury Bicycle Master Plan identifies potential routes. Traffic speed on Main Street was brought up as an area of concern. This may be an area for Glastonbury Police Department traffic enforcement.

S Smith suggested a bike/walk audit in the areas proposed for traffic calming features. Bike Walk CT does an audit per month, typically between 9 – 11AM. Conducted with Transport Hartford Academy. Members brought up the Road Safety Audit conducted a few years back. The next step after the RSA is to apply for CT Connectivity funding. Funding for this period has already been obligated and awarded.

Smith spoke of proposed legislation for municipalities to reduce speed in some locations to 20 MPH. Questions exist regarding the desire for towns to paint sharrow. She stated that sharrow are falling out of favor because motorists don't know how to interpret or react to the painted areas.

W Mis asked if all Bike Walk Glastonbury members were on the Town's E-notify system. A Park will be posting all meeting dates and notes on the Parks and Rec Bicycle page.

Mis asked members about their opinion of bike share programs. As per a recent Hartford Courant article, the City of Hartford looking to partner with a new bike/scooter company. Much discussion regarding extent of bike damage that occurs, the requirement to include scooters if you want bike share, and the potential for scooter legislation for CT. It was discussed that Glastonbury may not have sufficient interest or volume of ridership. Manchester, Cheshire, and Simsbury have bike share. Cheshire has some collaboration with businesses, where businesses advertise that they are partners. New Britain partners with the museum, and students paint the bikes. Questions exist regarding insurance requirements and the need to wear helmets. It was proposed that bike share at an event might be useful between the parking area and the event. Bikes from both bike shops could supplement Cycling Without Age.

A suggestion was made about BAG participating with meetings of other Bicycle Friendly Communities.

4) Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

X	Dan Sharp	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Allen Freiderich	Glastonbury resident
X	Wendy Mis	Town of Glastonbury, Health
X	Anna Park	Town of Glastonbury, Parks and Recreation
X	Ron DeGray	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Susan Smith	Bike Walk Connecticut

Upcoming meetings:

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

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