



Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

November 14, 2019

7:30 – 9:00 am

3rd Floor Town Hall, Engineering Conference Room

1) Introductions

The meeting started at 7:29 A.M. A list of attendees is included at the end of this document.

2) Updates

b) Town departments

i) Engineering

D Pennington stated that the low bid contractor was identified for construction of the multiuse trail, but the bid was higher than the projected cost due to specialized equipment needed to work under the overhead wires. The process is underway to request additional state funding to address the shortfall. Some ground clearing work may be done this winter, depending on weather, in advance of the expected spring construction start date.

The plan for reconstruction of Glastonbury Boulevard has been submitted to CROG and CT DOT. Work planned includes milling/repaving entire road plus modification at two existing traffic signals. Modifications will include exclusive pedestrian phases that stop all traffic and allow pedestrians to cross. Additionally, three mid-block crossings will be enhanced by push button activated rapid flashing beacons. Road travel lanes are to be narrowed to increase the right hand shoulder (both directions) to a 3 – 4 foot width, creating a safer shoulder for biking.

Sidewalk work is being conducted near Daybreak Coffee Shop. Sidewalk curbing on the south side of the driveway by Daybreak is being extended and will include a raised bump out curb identical to the one in front of Daybreak. This will shorten the pedestrian crossing distance across Main Street, and allow vehicles leaving the driveway to become more visible to other vehicles stopped at the intersection.

No updates have been received on the Putnam Bridge crossing.

ii. Parks and Recreation

A Park informed members that Santa's Run was coming up on December 8. The event is held in the Buttonball neighborhood.

Park will meet with Ann Marie Colebrook and Susan Smith next week to discuss the Elementary Bike Program. It is hoped the program will start after school in March.

No update available for the CT Cycling Advancement Program (CCAP) cyclocross program. A coach is needed to run the program at the school.

iii. Health

Mis stated that a report combining the results from the League of American Bicyclists electronic survey and BAG member prioritization activities should be ready for critical review at the January

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meeting. The report can be used as documentation of bicycle related work in town, with identification of priority activities/items.

b) Bike Walk Glastonbury

Stein shared Bike Walk Glastonbury concerns during “Other items from members”.

3) Discussion

a) Watch for Me CT, bike safety

Mis shared a summary of WatchformeCT.org, a ped/bike awareness campaign through CT Injury Prevention Center. Also provided were bicycle-related fatal and injury crash data from Glastonbury and the entire Capital Region Council of Governments (38 towns), and www.ctcrash.uconn.edu. Responses from an open-ended question from the electronic survey (identify the top three hazards or barriers to bicycling) were also shared. A coordinated effort for safety messaging was discussed, with Mis offering to contact Glastonbury Police Officer Michael Magrey, who frequently provides a safety/police related column in the Glastonbury Citizen. Stein indicated BWG also was looking to develop a safety campaign; Mis offered to partner. A safety campaign during May/Bike Month may be practical. Members indicated that Amy Watkins, point of contact for WatchformeCT.org was probably available to present to interested groups.

4) Other items

a) From members

J Stein spoke about signage on and between current and proposed trails. Discussed locations included area between existing Smith School Trail and linkage via Eastern/Western Boulevards to new multiuse trail leading to House Street, Eastern/Western Boulevards to new trail, and potential signs that would lead to the future Putnam Bridge crossing. Included in the conversation was the need for crosswalks in Eastern/Western Boulevard area and sidewalks along Eastern Boulevard from Smith School.

Way finding signs and biking icon signs were discussed to offer trail linkage and route-identification information. D Pennington offered to look at the sidewalk matrix for Eastern Boulevard. Also discussed was a desire to have wider sidewalks on House Street under the overpass to provide safer linkage from the multiuse trail to Salmon Brook Drive.

Locations identified for potential wayfinding signs were the parking area at the end of the MUT at House Street, and Smith School at the end of the trail. Mis mentioned that linkage was an item identified in the League of American Bicyclists report card. Stein reported that Town Manager Johnson attended the last Bike Walk Glastonbury meeting and expressed support of several activities from the Road Safety Audit that would include linkages and pavement markings identified in the report. Funds would be made available in next year’s budget to support activities identified.

Stein mentioned the lighted signboard with the message to watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Pennington indicated that Jeremy Cooper, from Engineering staff, selected messages, which alternate between road construction awareness and pedestrian awareness.

5) Adjournment 8:26AM.

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X	Ron Degray	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Allen Friedrich	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Jeffrey Hodder	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	Dan Sharp	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Jeff Stein	Bike Walk Glastonbury

Upcoming meetings:

• January 9, 2020
• March 12, 2020
• May 14, 2020
• July 9, 2020
• September 10, 2020
• November 12, 2020

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