



## Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group

### Meeting Notes

January 9, 2020

7:30 – 9:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Town Hall, Engineering Conference Room

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#### 1) Introductions

The meeting started at 7:35 A.M. A list of attendees is included at the end of this document.

#### 2) Updates

##### a) Bike Walk Glastonbury

J Stein stated that Bike Walk Glastonbury is working with Youth and Family Services to bring back a program to donate helmets to school children. Details are being finalized for the upcoming program, which has been successful in the past.

A new BWG member has offered to pursue the Bike Friendly Facility program. He'll work with A Park, D Desmarais and D Dauphinais, and get in touch with W Mis with property locations of particular interest.

BWG will be working with D Pennington and A Park to discuss a gift for the new multi-use trail.

Planning for the 4/29/20 Elementary School bicycling program is going well. BWG will cover the expenses for Bike Walk CT staff and materials (bicycles brought to the school to ensure participants can all ride).

BWG is proposing construction of a bicycle track to learn mountain biking fundamentals for kids and youth. BWG would provide some financial support. Details are very preliminary at this point, and could include voluntary labor and matching funds. A Park and J Stein will work together on details. D Pennington offered to look into the possibility for the Town to assist with earth-moving efforts.

##### b) Town departments

###### i) Engineering

D Pennington informed the group that the construction contract had been awarded for the multiuse trail. The contractor has submitted a preliminary plan, and a winter start is anticipated for some land clearing.

Pennington provided an overview plan of the Corporate Park area, and asked about a coherent strategy to go from Smith Middle School to and through Corporate Park. The ensuing conversation discussed building a wider shoulder, striping a shoulder, lengthening the existing 8' wide bituminous sidewalk, or a combination of any of these proposals. Concern about bicyclist/pedestrian safety of some intersections in the Corporate Park was discussed. Bike route signage should be considered an important element through the area.

D Sharpe mentioned the potential for a future connection between Bell Street and the Harvest Lane along town-owned parcels.

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**ii. Parks and Recreation**

A Park provided details about the upcoming April 29 program at the school. Through a collaborative effort between Parks and Recreation and Board of Education, Bike Walk CT will run several stations including helmet fit and bike part identification. The after school program is geared to elementary students and can accommodate approximately 75 children. The Wednesday program will occur after early dismissal, with Physical Education teachers participating via professional development time.

Lisa Zerio, A Park and J Stein are in conversation about a mountain bike track. Details are still being developed, and the track may be supported through work by Town of Glastonbury staff and as an Eagle Scout project.

There are no new details about the cycling team and CCAP.

**iii. Health**

Health activity is documented in Discussion section of these notes.

**3) Discussion**

**a) Bicycle Friendly Community Report**

W Mis presented a draft copy of the report summarizing the feedback from the League of American Bicyclists Survey Monkey from our spring 2019 recertification application. The report includes results of the prioritization work done by the Group during the summer. Mis asked members to review the report and provide feedback so the report could be finalized and provided to the Town Manager for review and comment. It is anticipated that the report will be made public to increase awareness of bicycling in Glastonbury, and the Bicycle Advisory Group. Discussion of the report included use of a pedestrian/cyclist counting mechanism on the upcoming multi use trail. This will provide data that can be used for several purposes. D Pennington will research options and present information back to the Group. Mis discussed a national program that counts sidewalk users on a specific day. She will research and get information back to the group.

**4) Other items**

a) In response to query from D Sharp, D Pennington stated there is no updated information or notification on the Putnam Bridge Project.

Members discussed the flashing pedestrian crossing sign at Flanagan’s Landing, and how it seems to have little impact on bad driver behavior/protection of crosswalk users.

**5) Adjournment: 8:37 A.M.**

X	Ron Degray	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Allen Friedrich	Bike Walk Glastonbury
X	Jeffrey Stein	Bike Walk Glastonbury
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

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Upcoming meetings:

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

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