

Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Wednesday, October 03, 2012 Weston Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Alycia Angus, Louise Hastings, Ray Rauth (Chairman), Julie Sidhu (Recording)

Guest: Jan Ledwick

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rauth at 12:40p.m

Chairman's remarks:

Ray gave an update on the Norwalk Valley River Trail meeting where the Ridgefield Representative spoke.

Rudy Marconi of Ridgefield invited Ray to meet with him. Ray reported a very productive 2 hour meeting. Mr. Marconi is very committed to making Ridgefield a bike friendly town.

Pro Forma Matters:

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Louise Hastings. Seconded by Ray Rauth

Big Bike/Ped Event

Ray asked for a debriefing of the event- what went right and problems we might have encountered. All agreed the event was successful and got positive reviews from all members of the community. However, we all identified areas in which we could improve:

- Manning the barricades at both ends of School road was a sound idea. It not only ensured safety, but gave committee members the opportunity to interact with the community and advocate for bicycle/pedestrian safety as they came and went.
- **Next year:** Place warning signs of School Road Closure along School Road in the week prior to the event.
- **Next Year:** Place signs that read, Parents, please walk your child and bikes from parking to beyond barricades.
- **Next Year:** First Aid Kit
- Opening Booster Barn was a good idea.
- No evidence of organized sports offered to participants.
- Several people wanted to either roller blade or use skateboards, both of which are prohibited on school property. Committee saw no issue with rollerblades, but deemed skateboards too much of a liability given the tendency to do tricks and not be in control of the board. However, whilst it remains a town rule, the event will abide by it. Bernie asked if it was possible or worth challenging the roller blade rule? Committee decided this is not our purpose at this time.

Date for next year and community support: Louise will look into this and get the event on the calendar. Discussion as to the frequency of this event ensued. Julie will reach out to Police Commission (Jess

DePasquale) to discuss. It was suggested that perhaps School Road could be closed one Sunday a month in summer. This would need community support and more volunteers.

Bike Rodeo: Kiwanis Club approached Ray regarding holding a Bike Rodeo. It was suggested that Bob Uzenoff be invited to a meeting.

Old Hyde Road: New School Trail: Julie, Ray and Bernie will meet to discuss how to proceed with this project.

Weston Traffic: Guest Jan Ledwick gave a report on Godfrey Road traffic conditions. Ray also reported his timed observation findings regarding the speed monitor placed by the Weston Police Department. Jan noted she had requested to appear at a Police commission meeting to offer a petition regarding the widening of the Godfrey Road (Pent Road) narrow bridge. At this time she has not been given a date.

Move to adjourn Ray, Seconded Alycia

Meeting adjourned 1: 50 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 6th 2012