

Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
Wednesday November 6, 2013
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alycia Angus, Bernie McGovern Park, Ray Rauth (Chairman), Julie Sidhu GUESTS: Jan Ledwick (Recording), Gayle Weinstein

*1.0 Opening Comments. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Rauth at approximately 12:35 p.m. There was a moment of silence in memory of Tom Steinert-Threlkeld. On Thursday, November 7, 2013 the Norwalk River Valley Trail (Wilton to Danbury) ground breaking event is scheduled. Gayle Weinstein stopped by the meeting to get an update on the Bike/Ped Day. It was a frank and productive conversation. The Committee's goal is to schedule a Bike/Ped event in the Spring as well as present/review the safety educational brochure. Julie will reach out to Dave Ungar and Detective Carl to start the process. Bernie will send an email to Ray to forward to Dr. Keating.

1.2 Approval of the minutes. Approved by Committee Members.

1.3 Approval of the agenda. Approved by Committee Members.

*2.1 Hike debrief and plans. Bisceglie Hike was a success, however, there is a section of Bisceglie that is very steep and difficult for seniors to navigate. The committee members should re-evaluate Weston and surrounding Towns' hikes then target each hike to a specific audience (e.g. seniors, young families, strenuous vs. easier hikes). The question is how do we drive publicity/awareness of these great hikes (e.g. Newcomers Club, PTO, Senior Center)? The committee members will work with Parks and Rec to assign hike leaders. Julie will develop a list of hikes (e.g. Trumbull Trails, Wilton Library).

*2.2 Planning for Safety Forum. Ray is the point person of this forum. The goal is to draw participants from EMS, Fire Department, Police Department, Parks and Rec etc. The purpose of the forum is to raise awareness of issues such as walking/running/biking on the wrong side of the road, incorrect signage or no signage resulting overall better road safety.

*2.3 Communications with town, interested people & media. Develop a list of key contacts/ambassadors to send upcoming events (e.g. Norwalk River Valley Trail ground breaking event) as well as communicate the relevance for Weston Residents. Possibly via blog, twitter, Facebook or even inform Mark Berkowitz, of these changes/events.

*2.5 SRTS & Sidewalk: State has not authorized funding. Gayle Weinstein is going to revisit the situation and resubmit the grant. Gayle will reach out to Ray for input.

*2.6 The Bridge at Bisceglie. There was a discussion around building a bridge to connect the Eva La Gallienne property with Bisceglie Park.

*2.7 Off-road routes: Briefly discussed as part of 2.6.

3.0 Free Format. At the December 2013 Bike/Ped meeting the committee members will determine 2014 goals/projects. Prior to the December meeting Alycia will send out the 2013 Goals to use as a starting point. The December Holiday/Luncheon meeting (12/4) will be approximately 2 hours. Location TBD.