

Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Wednesday, December 10th 2014 Weston Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rauth at 12:35p.m

Chairman's remarks:

Ray spoke about meetings he had attended and the changing direction of the committee due to member resignations and time needed to follow up on old business and pursue new ideas. 2-3 new members were suggested and it was decided that these folks would be contacted after the holidays.

David Fine of Danbury is looking to organize a coalition of people interested in cycling in the Danbury area. Ray suggested that we might want to talk with him. Ray also noted that the town of Fairfield Bicycle Committee has reorganized and now has new members.

Aspetuck land Trust is looking to connect existing trails to known open space. Ray will meet with David Brandt to discuss open spaces in Weston in particular the Old Two Rod Highway recently discussed in a Wilton town meeting. The road is on the Wilton/Weston town line and abuts the Stromson-Frassler/Honey Hill Preserve properties.

Ray also noted Cynthia Fowlx who handles outreach for Devil's Den was interested in meeting with us.

New D.O.T. Policies: Louise and Julie felt that Ray did a good job of explaining DOT's new Complete Streets policies to both the committee and local officials.

BBPE 2015: This is an event that we would like to see continue, but feel that running it alone is beyond our control due to difficulties in securing a date between town and school officials, access to a number of volunteers etc. However, we would like to continue our support in whatever way is needed. We will discuss with Michelle from youth services, Gayle Weinstein and Dave Ungar to see where we should go from here.

Weston Walks: These walks proved to be successful and well received even when participation was low. It was decided that this is something that should be continued as participation will grow over time and the differing venues offer walks for everyone. Tom Failla, Ray and Julie will continue to lead walks next year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m