

Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Wednesday, Jan 4th, 2012 Weston Town Hall Commission Room

Members Present: Alycia Angus, Bernie Park, Ray Rauth (Chairman), Julie Sidhu (Recording)

Absent: Louise Hastings

Guests: Roy Marsh

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rauth at 12:30p.m

Chairman's remarks: Ray noted that the main purpose of today's meeting was to set goals and priorities for the coming year.

Pro Forma Matters:

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Alycia Angus, seconded by Julie Sidhu

Approval of August minutes: Moved Julie Sidhu, seconded by Alycia Angus.

Status Reports Update:

Safe Routes to School: Nothing new to report. Louise Absent due to family emergency.

Website: Website was reviewed. Julie requested bios from Bernie and Roy. Julie requested group to review site and forward any additional information or suggestions for inclusion. Alycia suggested a link to Aspetuck Land Trust. **(Action Julie)**

Education: The committee will hold a **special meeting January 18th at noon** at the home of Louise Hastings to discuss and present content. Julie will make a date for a meeting with Kim Kos, curriculum director, to review the committee's lesson plans after the proposed special meeting. **(Call to action Julie)**

Bisceglie and Old Hyde School Trail: Nothing new to report.

Signage: Nothing new to report. A discussion of possible "Sharrow" placement in Weston raised the question of who authorizes signs painted on road. Roy will find this out **(Action Roy)** Note: Roy subsequently informed the group that Police Commission has authority. All agreed that perhaps Old Hyde Road might be a potential "Sharrow" location.

Weston Pedestrian Open Space- Light use roads for walking and biking: Suggestion to explore Gray Fox Lane. Julie and Ray will walk and research adjoining town owned / trust own land. **(Action Julie/Ray)**

Events: Nothing new to report at this time. Dates for future Big Bike Pedi Event to be determined.

Cross Town Pedestrian Routes: Alycia and Louise walked the 5K Road Race and Village District Loop, noting crosswalks and possible danger spots. Ray said he had also walked the part of the loop pertaining

to a cross route from Norfield Church to School Road, but was unable to find an established trail/path. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of bus garage and safety issues. Alycia will speak with Dave Lusberg re future plans for bus garage. Alycia and Louise also walked the Old Hyde to School Trail and noted possible wetland problems. Julie and Ray who had walked the trail previously noted there is an informal but dry trail in existence.

Julie mentioned that she had contacted town of Redding re design and cost of brick crosswalks on route 57 in Georgetown.

Outreach: Working with other Weston Groups: Ray continues to work with the Senior Center.

Goals: Alycia asked the group to discuss what we wanted to accomplish this year, noting that because we are only advisory and subject to the approval of other town commissions and the board of selectman that we should keep our goals simple. Categories were outlined and members asked to submit group initiatives and individual goals to Alycia prior to the next meeting.

Education/Outreach/Safety (includes enforcement) Alycia, Louise, Julie, Bernie

Crosstown Routes: Ray

Website: Julie

Village Walkable Loop: Louise and Alycia

Events: Louise

Meeting adjourned 1:34 Move to adjourn Ray, Seconded Alycia

Next Meeting: February 1st 2012