

Weston Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

Wednesday April 6, 2011 Weston Town Hall Commission Room

Members Present: Louise Hastings (Recording), Ray Rauth (Chairman), Jon Howell

Members Absent: Julie Sidhu (Secretary)

Pro Forma Matters:

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jon Howell, seconded by Louise Hastings

Approval of March Minutes: Moved by Louise Hastings, seconded by Jon Howell

Chairman's Remarks: Ray shared that he had had a meeting with Gayle Weinstein and John Troxell. John and Gayle informed Ray that he/ our committee needs to notify them before contacting DOT or other items that would concern any changes or additions to the roads in Weston.

Louise updated the committee regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. All of the forms have been submitted and we are in a "holding pattern" most likely until November 2011.

Louise shared with the committee that she is looking into (at Gayle Weinstein's encouragement) possibly closing school road for a few hours on a weekend this summer. She has E-mailed the School Building Committee (Les Wolf) asking if the idea is even feasible due to the high volume sporting events/camps in the summer. Louise will send in a proposal within the next few weeks.

Julie, who was absent, e-mailed her report regarding informing/educating the Weston school students and teachers on Ped/Bike laws and safety. Julie has been in touch with Kim Kos, curriculum director. Kim took the idea to the faculty and they were very enthusiastic. Kim and Julie will be in contact on the best way to approach this topic and how to fit it into the student's 2011 schedule. Looking to have this implemented Sept.-Nov. 2011. When a sample lesson is completed (by Julie) she will present it to the BoE for their approval.

Julie also wrote that the Health Walk during the 5k run would not work this year. The 5K committee felt there was not enough time to incorporate a health walk this year, but were very interested in doing it next year. Ray will notify the Senior Center and Senior Commission on this year's event emphasizing the senior discount (it's free, if you are lucky enough to be over 70.)

Lastly, Julie wrote about Bisceglie Park: She will check out trails and see what can be done regarding a spring clean /up schedule.

Jon and Ray presented information about the signing of the state roads. They met with the Police Commission on 4/5 to present ideas. The commission wished to investigate the suggested locations for the signs and anticipate taking the subject up again at the May meeting.

The last topic discussed by committee members was, when the educating of the students was implemented into the schedule, it would be a good time to “get the word out” and have a town wide awareness kick-off on bike/ped safety.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm