



Watertown Bi-Ped Committee

Monthly Meeting July 6th, 2009



Next Meeting
Monday, August 3rd, 7:30 PM
Administration Building

Minutes of Watertown Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

Present: Peter Brooks, Steve Engler, Janet Jameson, Jeannette Belcher-Schepis, Shiela Fay, Maria Saiz, Brad Parsons

* Item: Community Path

- Deb Peterson attended meeting and spoke about the over all history of the project and a big picture view
- Harvard O'Neill grant of \$5K awarded to the Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety (WCES) to help develop a plan for the Community Path
- Purpose of Deb's visit to the meeting was to solicit comments from the WBPC regarding the next step of planning
- Shiela recommended the professor Peter Fuller from Northeastern University. His civil engineering class takes on community projects as class exercises in planning.
- Steve Magoon stated that part of the planning can be done by the town
- Shiela and Deb will connect later regarding Peter Fuller
- Steve Engler and Peter Brooks volunteered to be WBPC liaisons to the WCES for the project

* Item: Safe Routes to School

Jeannette's recent updates regarding CSRS

- Bike Safety Training was a huge success, 4th grade class of Cunniff was accommodated as well
 - 1) Each session was 1 hour and they went smoothly
 - 2) Excellent feedback was received and students were observed following guidelines from the sessions
 - 3) Mass Rides contacted Mass Bike and will arrange a "train the trainer" for next year
- \$2,500 received from Harvard-O'Neill grant, will be used towards Henry Hikes to Fitchburg event
- Still looking for \$2K, may have to cut back from the current scope of event
 - 1) It was suggested to propose a possible cost sharing with another local community or solicit local businesses
- Jeannette is putting together a carbon footprint team for family fun night
- Needs help with the table and would like it sorted by the beginning of the school year

* Item: Watertown Walking Map

- Jeannette is to meet with Steve Magoon to discuss the map, to be done by August

* Item: Snow Shoveling

- Peter suggested the WBPC create the key routes based on the Walking School Bus routes and key connections; Maria to spear head this

* Item: Bicycle Friendly Community

- Need to post the 5 E's on the website

* Item: Faire on the Square

- Need to determine what we're going to do for our booth
- Shiela to contact Cliff Bar
- Walking Map and poster would be a good idea
- Questioners from last year
- Need to request the table