



Watertown Bi-Ped Committee

Monthly Meeting August 3rd, 2009



Next Meeting

Monday, September 14th, 7:30 PM

Administration Building

Minutes of Watertown Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee

Present: Fred Hewett, Peter Brooks, Steve Engler, Jeannette Belcher-Schepis, Sheila Fay, Maria Saiz, Mari Ryan, Brad Parsons

Guests: Three guests: Jenn, Jeremy and Rob

* Item: Safe Routes to School

Jeannette's recent updates regarding CSRS

- Year End Report Presentation to funders on July 15th (Walk Boston, Harvard Pilgrim)
- Working on the Fall and Spring budget
- Confirmed funding for fall safety pedestrian training with MassRides
- Prepared outline for principals' meetings in August
 - 1) Will meet one on one with each
 - 2) Set dates for safety training and other fall events
- Met with Steve Magoon and Bob Slone to finalize changes to 1st draft of Watertown Walking Map; second draft of base map is out for review
- Drafted memo to Walking Bus leaders requesting communication of bus routes for possible snow ordinance; September 15th deadline for comments
- Pedometer order for October completed with MassRides; they will provide 300, Jeannette with order 350 from the supplier
- Meeting with Newton's new CSRTS coordinator to work on areas of possible collaboration in the coming year
- Matt Wall will be returning to speak with parents regarding Hosmer issues
- Hosmer may apply for an engineering assessment from MassRides to look at the school and a 1 mile radius around the school. This can lead to funding for sidewalk enhancements.

* Item: Watertown Walking Map

- Committee reviewed current version
 - Linear Park needs to be added
 - Pedestrian bridge over the Charles near the center of town should be included
 - Proposed that bike lanes be included on the map

* Item: Story Walk

- Mari updated the committee about this exciting project
- Program is geared towards 4 to 7 year olds
- Goal is to set up the story walks at Arsenal and Filippello Parks, Henry Hikes to Fitchburg and possibly a second book are the current choices
- Mari needs help building the sign posts on which the story will be posted; will build a prototype; will ask Staples to donate laminating services
- Goal is to have posts in place for September and October

* Item: Faire on the Square

- Faire will be held on September 26th this year
- Committee will like to run a raffle; Steve will make the tickets this year; Peter to look into getting the bike
- Questioners from last year, Fred to find them
- Sheila to work on handouts (including Bike Commuter Workshop), maps and contact Cliff Bars
- Peter to contact MassBikes about valet bike parking, we will need to set up a coral for this