

**City of Essex Junction**  
**Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16, 2023**

**Meeting Attendees:** Micah Hagan, Chris Kline, Mark Breslin, Tacy Lincoln, Eric Bowker

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 7:06 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes:** Tacy Lincoln volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

**Changes to Agenda/Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September 18th meeting were unanimously approved. Tacy Lincoln requested an addition to the October 16th agenda to provide an update to BWAC members regarding the City of Essex Junction Vision and Strategic Action Plan.

**Public to be Heard:** see below.

**RRFB Update:** The last RRFB was installed at Lincoln and North Streets and is functioning.

**Request regarding West Street Bike Lane Signage:** Mark will contact the City's Police Chief to ascertain the number of reported traffic/bike/pedestrian incidents along that corridor to help determine the need for such signage.

**Future BWAC Projects:** The Bike Rack Inventory is on-going and continues to be a point of discussion for the Committee. Eric proposed that the BWAC sponsor a Bike Safety event in the spring (and, perhaps another one before the start of the school year.) The Committee will continue to work on determining dates and locations for a spring event. Eric will contact Susan at Local Motion to inform her of this initiative as well as to explore the possibility of distributing "safety lights" to attendees.

**Pearl Street Bike Lanes:** Concerns were brought forward regarding the lack of bike lane connections on Rt. 15 between Big Lots and Mac's Market as well as the area around Pearl Street Park. While bike lanes are being planned for those sections, the time-line for placement is still to be determined. Additionally, there was a discussion about the increased use of e-bikes and the impact they have on the various thoroughfares that are both marked and unmarked. It is a topic that the BWAC will take into consideration and pursue in future meetings.

**Installation of Public Water Fountains:** Mark shared information about two different products with the Committee. Both were in the \$5,000 range (not including installation). This is a topic that will require input and approval from several other City Committees before the BWAC can take any next steps.

**Next BWAC Meeting:** November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:02 p.m.