City of Essex Junction

Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 18, 2024

APPROVED APRIL 25, 2024

Attendees

Staff: Chris Yuen

Micah Hagan, Eric Bowker, Michael Giguere, John O'Brien

Local Motion: Susan Grasso

Public: Lexi (via Zoom)

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

February Minutes Approval pushed to April meeting due to lack of quorum.

Walk to Shop program update pushed to April meeting.

No public comments made.

Library Collaboration Initiative

Bike Safety Course – Youth focused. Some committee support for running a safety course. Susan Grasso will check if Local Motion Bike Smart trailer is available. Backup plan to look into use the bikes from EJRP.

Verify library's plan to run the skills course. Would part of the library parking area be used?

Needs: Cones, Wash away paint for marking lanes.

Determine potential dates with Erna.

Bike Maintenance Workshop – cover the basics (Tires, Brakes, Chain care, cables, etc). Susan Grasso to check with Local Motion mechanic for suggestions.

Bike Repair Station – Get Dero Items Quoted with Local Motion. Would need to act quickly to order and get in before end of June to fall in 2023-2034 fiscal calendar.

New England Grassroots fund – potential funding help with repair station

UVM North/Grove Design - Pedestrian Island Concept Review

Similar to Local Motion option. Concerns need to be investigated around plowing, railroad, and school bus usage.

Short term – Demo project opportunity

Ivy Lane – owned by Amtrak, used for parking – one-way road

Could we add a bike path through Ivy Lane connecting the existing bike path over to Railroad Street.

Bike Rack Inventory

Bike Parking Opportunities

Commercial Bike Parking – Incentivize businesses expanding bike parking by funding a program cover part of the cost (50%?)

Member Updates – Eric Bowker – Crescent Connector Striping concerns

Reviewed plan and paint bike

Staff Updates

Expect upcoming review of plan for Susie Wilson

League of American Bicyclists – Renewal Project Opportunity – 2024 Applications due in June.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm