

**City of Essex Junction**  
**Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2023**

**Meeting Attendees:** Micah Hagan, Chris Kline, Mark Breslin, Phil Bieber, Russ Miller-Johnson (BWAC); Michael Giguere (Public); Dr. John Lens, (UVM)

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 7:05 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes:** Russ Miller-Johnson volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

**Changes to Agenda/Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September October 16, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

**West Street Bike Lane:** Continued discussion on options for improving bike travel safety on West St. Recommendation for “Share the Road” sign for increasing car driver awareness to be located in junction with Public Works; and placed by Public Works.

**Future BWAC Projects:** The Bike Rack Inventory is on-going and continues to be a point of discussion for the Committee. Also, reviewed and discussed:

- Safe Routes” program and Safe Routes to School Summit
  - VTrans Bicycle Pedestrian Program
  - Ruby Bridges Foundation
  - Bike Walk Safety Gardens
  - Walk & Roll Week (like in October 2023)
  - Bike Bus Events
  - VT Youth Cycling
  - Community Rides with potential for escort, street shut down, block party coordination.
  - 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.

**UVM Capstone Project:** Concept for guided UVM Senior Engineer student group to study and report on connecting bike and walk ways with each other as well as then community and business locations. Improved safety, greenway and recreational options would be included.

(There was a Capstone project 4 years ago for the BWAC.) Would commence in January 2024.

Dr. Lens provided expectations and general information that includes:

- Study would include presentation materials, maps, budgets.
- Two week meeting intervals as check-in with assign BWAC partners  
BWAC develop mission statement

**Bike Safety Events:** See Future BWAC Projects

Next BWAC Meeting: December 18, 2023 at 7

Meeting Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.