

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 AT 6:00 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

- Minutes Review
- Discussion on Bicycle Friendly Communities Application
- Presentation by Rick on New York City
- Discussion of Potential Budget for FYE16
- Review and Update Short, Medium, and Long Term Committee Goals
- Public Input

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE ESSEX JUNCTION BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 21, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Phoebe Spencer, Jud Lawrie, Jeff Frolik, Eric Bowker

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations and Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rick at 6 PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITONS

Rick asked to include the following to the agenda:

- The election of a committee Vice-Chair;
- Comments on the Essex/Essex Junction Bike/Walk Master Plan;
- Plans for the upcoming Bike Day at the Five Corners Farmers' Market.

All members agreed to add these topics to the agenda.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION by JEFF, SECOND by JUD, to approve the June minutes. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Phoebe was nominated as Vice Chair.

MOTION by JEFF, SECOND by ERIC, to appoint Phoebe as Vice Chair. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION ON BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES APPLICATION

Jud said that he thinks that the application will be ready for submittal in February. Jeff will be looking at the comments and suggestions listed on the Village's previous application. He hopes to condense these so that the committee can easily digest it. Phoebe will be looking through the content of the previous application, and compare it to the recent application for the Bike/Walk award that the Village recently received from the CCRPC.

Rick noted that the new Essex/Essex Junction Bike/Walk Plan, as well as the Trustees' acceptance of the Bike/Walk vision statement will work to enhance this application. He also mentioned that he thinks that Essex Junction is the only community in Chittenden County to have painted bicycle triggers.

6. DISCUSSION ON ESSEX/ESSEX JUNCTION BIKE/WALK MASTER PLAN

Rick said that there would be a public meeting to discuss the Essex Junction Bike/Walk Master Plan on July 24th. He asked all committee members review the draft and send him their comments by the end of the day on July 23rd. He asked the committee to pay special attention to projects listed on the priority lists, as these were projects that had a very good chance of being constructed.

7. PLANS FOR BIKE DAY AT THE FIVE CORNERS FARMERS' MARKET

Bike Day at the Five Corners Farmers' Market will bring together a variety of groups and businesses related to biking. Jeff, Phoebe, and Rick will be there to man the committee's booth. They will have a map that residents can mark up, and show problem spots or desired projects on. Participants will also be able to leave their contact information in case any of their comments need to be clarified. Hopefully, some committee members will be able to take market attendees on short rides around the Village to show them how the trigger loops work.

Rick said that the committee's first bike ride was held two weeks ago. This was also when the "J-Walk" idea was presented. Jeff said that the name seemed to confuse people, and that a new name would be needed. Rick suggested "Ped-Ex." However, he felt that the overall concept was well-received.

8. PRESENTATION BY RICK ON NEW YORK CITY

Rick said that NYC has been pushing to become more bicycle friendly. It used to be a very bicycle unfriendly city; however it is now listed as one of the top 10 best cities for bicycles. Much of this is due to grassroots efforts. One of the biggest ways that NYC is becoming more bike friendly is by recapturing lanes for bicycles. In many cases, a former two-way street becomes a one-way street for motorists, in order to allow bicycles to travel in the other lane. In many cases, parked cars form a barrier between drivers and bicyclists.

Rick also mentioned that the city had automatically cleaning toilets, which may be used by bicyclists and others using alternative transportation. NYC also has very in depth maps with good information for new bike riders. Jud asked if these are integrated with Google Maps? Rick said that Google Maps only covers walking routes, not biking.

Rick mentioned that NYC is working to increase the number of female bike riders. Eric added that NYC also plows some bike lanes, and has been working to increase biking among all income levels.

He said that the two biggest lessons that Essex Junction can learn from New York City are the repurposing of streets and the importance that a grassroots movement can have.

9. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BUDGET FOR FYE16

Rick said that it is important for the committee to start to develop a budget so that it can be presented to the Trustees as soon as possible. He asked all members to brainstorm and come to the next meeting with ideas. The committee decided to consider all budgetary requests in the following categories: education, encouragement, project, and studies.

Rick noted that anything over \$10,000 would need to be presented to the Capital Committee.

10. REVIEW AND UPDATE COMMITTEE GOALS

The following goals (that were set in 2013) were reviewed by the Committee:

Short Term:

- Replace missing signs, trim trees: This is being worked on.
- Adjust loops & paint stopping points: This has been done.
- Increase awareness of road rules: This is a continual process, but large steps have been taken on this project.
- Crosswalk signage and flagging: This is being worked on.

Medium Term:

- West Street/ANR/Route 15 link: This has been scoped out by UVM students, and is thus more likely to become a reality.
- Improve safety of crosswalks: This is an ongoing project.
- Education for all, integrate with schools: Eric and Rosalind will work on this before the start of the new school year. Eric hopes to include more bike positive language in the before school newsletter sent out to parents.
- Bike/Walk Master Plan: This is being worked on.

Long Term:

- Bike Walk Master Plan: This is being worked on.
- Speed enforcement, traffic calming: This is an ongoing project.
- Route 2A to 15 link through Fairgrounds: This is an ongoing project.

11. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

12. MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting

- August 18, at 6 PM.

Agenda Items

- Minutes Review;
- League Application Update;
- Master Plan;
- Planning for School Outreach;
- Setting Budget Priorities;
- Public Input.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by RICK, SECOND by JEFF to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville