

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.

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

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

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:51 PM.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY JUD TO ACCEPT JANUARY MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Rick asked to include a discussion of an upcoming meeting on a proposed bike path along Route 15 to the agenda. All agreed.

4. FINAL REVIEW OF LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS APPLICATION

Jud informed the committee that the application was submitted this weekend. Regardless of whether or not Essex Junction receives an award, he believes that this was an excellent learning experience for the entire committee. We will learn if Essex Junction has been selected for recognition in late June.

Rick informed the committee that the League of American Bicyclists is looking for local reviewers for our application. He will be forwarding a link to apply to all members of the committee so that they can share it with avid bicyclists in the community.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

In preparation for today's meeting, all committee members reviewed a list of potential projects in the Essex Town/Essex Junction Bike and Pedestrian Plan. Their individual top priorities are noted below:

- Eric
 1. Route/15/Upper Main St. (#1)
 2. River Rd. West (#16)

3. Circum Five Corners Route E (#51)
4. Parizo Street to Park (#43)
 - Phoebe
1. Circum Five Corners Route E to West St. (#51)
2. Pearl St. to Susie Wilson (#30)
3. St. James Place Connector (#65)
4. Circum Five Corners Route A (#47)
 - Rick
1. Circum Five Corners Route E (#51)
2. St. James Place Connector (#65)
3. Forest Road to Briar Lane (#45)
 - Jeff
1. Circum Five Corners Route B (#48)
2. Circum Five Corners Route E (#51)
3. Rosewood/ADL Path (#71). This was not included on the list developed for the Bike/Walk plan, but Jeff felt that it was an important priority project.
 - Raj
1. Pearl St. to Susie Wilson (#30)
2. Circum Five Corners Route A (#47)
3. RFB Flashing Crosswalks (#72). This was not included on the list developed for the Bike/Walk plan, but Raj felt that it was an important priority project.
 - Jud
1. Pearl St. to Susie Wilson (#30)
2. Forest Road to Briar Lane (#45)
3. Parizo Street to Park (#43)

Jud asked for clarification on what the Pearl Street to Susie Wilson (#30) project would entail. Rick said that this is a potential bike path that may be completed when the road is repaved in 2016. Bike lanes could be added as a part of the complete streets initiative.

Jud asked if there has been any progress on the idea of closing off a portion of Main Street to vehicles? Rick said that this will not be completed until the Crescent Connector is done. He thinks that this should not be added to our list until this project has been finished.

Jud said that the Forest Road to Briar Lane (#45) connection was already a gravel path. Therefore, its location should not be listed as TBD on the Bike/Walk document.

It was also noted that there is an existing gravel path connecting Pearl Street Park to an adjoining Essex Town neighborhood. This encompasses project #42 (Susie Wilson/Parizo/Pinecrest) and #43 (Parizo Street to Park). Raj said that it would be a big improvement if this path were paved and maintained during the winter.

Jud noted that he liked the idea of a path along the rail right-of-way in Essex Center (#59) but that he thought that it was more of a long-term project goal.

The committee decided on the following as their top goals:

1. 1. Circum Five Corners Route E (#51).
2. Some type of paved and maintained connection between the Essex Town neighborhoods near Pinecrest and Pearl Street Park.
3. Pearl St. to Susie Wilson (#30).
4. Forest Road to Briar Lane (#45). This was seen as an easy project to finish up, as the path just needs to be paved.
5. RFB Flashing Crosswalks (#72).
6. Some type of link through CVE.

Rick will bring this information to the Capital Committee, and report back to this committee.

6. FYE16 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

This was tabled until the March meeting. Rick asked all committee members to come to the next meeting with specific ideas that need funding, as well as ideas for fun cycling events to be held in the summer.

7. ROUTE 15 MULTI-USE PATH PUBLIC MEETING

Rick informed the committee that there will be an informational meeting on this project at the end of the month. Preliminary plans will be available at this time.

8. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

9. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

- Next Meeting: March 16th at 5:45 PM
- Agenda Items:
 1. TBD

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY PHOEBE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.