

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 5:45 PM
LINCOLN HALL
AGENDA

- Minutes Review;
- Update on Multi-Use Path Meeting Between Athens Drive and the Circ – Bowker;
 - Village / Town Committee updates;
 - Member Recruitment;
- Recess for Public Meeting on VT 14 Bicycle/Pedestrian Study - Ethan Allen Ave. to West St. Extension;
 - 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.

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 22, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raj Chawla, Jud Lawrie, Eric Bowker, Phoebe Spencer (via Skype), Jeff Frolik

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Shaw (Essex Junction Planning Commission), Rick Hamlin (Village Engineer), Bogdan Boczar, Carolyn West

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Raj called the meeting to order at 5:48 PM.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY ERIC TO ACCEPT NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

3. UPDATE OF MULTI-USE PATH MEETING BETWEEN ATHENS DRIVE AND THE CIRC

Eric said that he had recently attended a public meeting regarding a possible bike and pedestrian path along Route 15. This would connect Athens Drive to the outlets. He said that around a half dozen people attended this meeting.

Eric said that the consultants studying the issue had noted that walking traffic in this area has increased, especially in the Town. They proposed putting a shared use path on one side of the road. This path would be wide enough for bikes, lit by streetlights, and plowed in the winter. The path would be separated from the road in some way.

Eric was optimistic about the possibility of this moving to construction. He noted that 34 homes were planned to be built near Fairview. This would further contribute to the need for this project.

4. VILLAGE/TOWN COMMITTEE UPDATES

Eric said that he recently attended a meeting of the Conservation & Trails Committee. Most of the meeting was dedicated to a UVM student presentation. He enjoyed the meeting and was in favor of future collaboration.

5. MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Raj noted that the committee's numbers were dwindling. One member resigned this fall, and Jud does not plan to renew his term when it ends in June. He suggested that the committee think about reducing their size, as an eight-member committee is fairly large. He also suggested that it may make sense for the BWAC to combine with the Conservation & Trails Committee in the extended future.

Eric asked about how this opening was publicized. Raj said that it was put on the Village website, Front Porch Forum, and Facebook. This was done during the holidays, so it is possible that the committee would have better luck if it were re-advertised at a different time.

6. PUBLIC INPUT & OTHER

Raj noted that he would be meeting with Darby and Public Works Superintendent Rick Jones to find a location for a bike repair station. Hopefully this can be installed in the right of way somewhere near the Nest Café.

Carolyn West discussed some concerns she had regarding the walking conditions in the Village. She does not drive, and walks often. She mentioned that the walk light near Big Lots was not working and did not have a visible out of order sign one weekend. This made it very unsafe to cross. It should either have been repaired or a large sign put up notifying pedestrians of this.

Carolyn also noted that she finds many of the walking conditions in Essex Junction to be unsafe.

7. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

Not discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY RAJ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10 PM.

Committee members adjourned the meeting to attend a presentation regarding a bicycle and pedestrian study on Route 15.

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.