

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 AT 6 PM
LINCOLN HALL
AGENDA

Approve Minutes;
BWAC Community Ride Follow-up and Action Plan;
Update from Raj on VT 15 Susie Wilson to West and Athens to 289;
Bicycle Benefits Recruiting;
Public Comment.

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
June 18, 2018**

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

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

OTHERS: Bridget & Nick Meyer, Cathy Shearer, John Lens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Raj called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY JEFF TO ACCEPT MAY MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

3. FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

The FCFM is currently selling the bicycle benefits tokens. Nest and Firebird also sell them. Raj will follow up with Micah to see how the process of recruiting additional businesses to sell these is going.

4. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR) PATH

Not discussed.

5. VTRANS GRANT

The Village will be applying for this grant to purchase three rectangular rapid flash beacons.

6. BIKE REPAIR STATION

Not discussed.

7. CCRPC MEETING

This meeting will be held on June 27. Two separate projects will be presented at this time: Athens Drive to 289 and Ethan Allen Ave. to West Street Extension.

The committee also discussed some ideas for the intersection of Susie Wilson Road and Pearl Street, which the state plans to re-do. Raj said that he thinks that the speed limit in this area should drop. He added that there were some ideas about increasing the number of turn lanes heading towards the Village.

8. UVM STUDENT PROJECT

UVM Engineering professor John Lens discussed with the committee the idea of having a two-semester class of senior engineering students complete work for the Village. Jon suggested that the committee give him a list of priorities by the beginning on August, and a sense of what projects they might be interested in a few weeks from now. The committee will further develop the scope of this project at their next meeting and will bring the idea to the Trustees once it is further developed.

Bridget suggested that the committee look at the documents produced by the Building Healthy Communities Committee several years ago.

9. BWAC GROUP RIDE

Raj said that the committee had identified seven intersections for the rectangular rapid flash beacons. Three of these locations have been included on a grant that will be submitted to VTrans. The Village would be responsible for half of these funds, and the state will pay the other half. Raj also suggested approaching the school district for additional funds for the crosswalks that are used primarily by students.

Raj has been in touch with Nick Meyer, chair of the Tree Advisory Committee, regarding cutting back some trees which are blocking sidewalks and visibility. He noted that the Village does not have blinking signs to encourage drivers to slow down when school is in session like many other towns do. This could be because the speed limit in the Village is already 25 mph.

Bridget Meyer noted that the speed tables that were placed on Pleasant Street were not as effective as other speed reduction methods could have been. The residents were told that speed tables were used instead of speed bumps because of emergency vehicle accessibility.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

Raj noted that there were some chairs blocking the handicapped pedestrian ramp outside of Murray's. He contacted Unified Manager Evan Teich to see what could be done about removing these.

Bridget said that it is important to capture the momentum on recent posts to the Essex VT page regarding pedestrian issues. Raj said that he had private messaged some people who commented informing them of upcoming committee meetings.

Bridget also said that many people in the Village are walkers, and that this should be a focus of the committee. She suggested looking at desire paths in the Village, which are unofficial

walking paths that will show where pedestrians want to go. She suggested making it more difficult for commuters to cut through residential areas.

Nick asked if the BWAC was plugging into the Capital Committee. Raj said that the BWAC is working on this as well as connecting with the school district. A small number of people bringing their concerns to the Capital Committee can bring forth significant momentum to a project. Nick also noted that the sidewalks in the Village need to be better maintained.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY JUD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.