

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
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raj Chawla, Eric Bowker, Jeff Frolik, Phoebe Spencer (via Skype), Micah Hagan, Kaitlin Hayes

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

OTHERS: Casey Holleran, Anuar Onayev, John Buckley, Austin Burke, Analiese Keimel (UVM students)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Raj called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY MICAH, SECOND BY KAITLIN TO ACCEPT JULY MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

3. VTRANS GRANT DISCUSSION

Darby informed the committee that the BWAC had received a grant from VTrans to install three flashing pedestrian lights. It is hoped that these lights would be installed this spring. Darby will be checking with the police department to ensure that they will not have any problems with the light locations.

4. UVM TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

The BWAC met five UVM engineering students who will be working on a traffic calming project in Essex Junction throughout the school year. They have separated the Village into three areas: East, Central, and West. The following committee members signed up to help the following groups:

- Jeff: East
- Raj: West
- Micah & Kaitlin: Central

Raj told the students that the goal was to look at plausible solutions (both creative and traditional) to help calm traffic in neighborhoods. Many commuters cut through residential areas to try to evade traffic, and this often results in speeding. The speed limit in most of the Village is 25 mph. However, many cars travel much faster than this. Essex Junction has a considerable

amount of infill and is densely populated. Local schools also do not offer bussing which adds traffic to the area around school start/end times.

Raj suggested that the students collaborate with the schools to look at solutions such as walking school buses and strategic drop off locations. He also advised them of the impending Crescent Connector project which will affect the flow of traffic in the Village. Connecting with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission may help the students get some of the information they are looking for.

The students will communicate regularly with Darby and Raj to ensure that they have the information that they need and that they can get access to staff to answer questions.

5. MID-ROAD SIGNAGE

Not discussed.

6. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Raj noted that he had planned to be an interim chair for the BWAC. However, this has turned into a permanent position. He asked if anyone else on the committee would be interested in taking over. Phoebe offered to assist Raj with answering questions from the public and with communications.

Jeff suggested putting out additional publicity for new members, especially walkers. Darby will be putting this information out on Front Porch Forum.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.