

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION**  
**BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 6 PM**  
**LINCOLN HALL**  
**AGENDA**

- Public Comment;
- Approve Minutes;
- Work Session on BFC Application.

*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 11, 2019**

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

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Casey Holleran, Audrey Mann, Ian Maerki, Josh Taylor, Schuyler Van Pelt**

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**1. Call to Order**

Raj called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**2. UVM Student Capstone Presentations**

The student groups covering the west and east areas of the Village attended the meeting to present the work that they had completed thus far.

The west group began with a PowerPoint presentation. The students noted that their primary goal was to increase safety, esp. around Hiawatha School. This mainly involved speed and traffic reduction. As a part of their research, the students made models, completed traffic counts, and looked at crash data. Origin/destination information, which helps to determine how many cars are cutting through residential neighborhoods, was also used. They noted that the impact of any potential changes on the Five Corners intersection was assessed.

Some of the student's ideas for improvement include: increased signage and crosswalks, buffered bike lanes, advisory shoulders, and adding physical barriers in intersections to slow traffic.

The group covering the east section of the Village then conducted their presentation.

The students noted that the completed traffic volume studies during both the afternoon and morning peak hours. They did not see a large speeding problem, except for drivers on Brickyard Road. The majority of the traffic on Brickyard appears to be using it as a cut-through to access other neighborhoods.

One of their suggestions for reducing speed on Brickyard Road would be to turn Mansfield or East streets into a one-way street. The committee expressed some concerns about this including: rush-hour traffic, the impact on snow plowing, and resident displeasure.

The students plan to model the possibility of turning on of these streets into a one-way and present the information back to the committee.

The students noted that the next element of their project is to determine the costs, risks, and sustainability of each of their suggestions. Their final report is due in April.

### **3. Other Discussion**

Raj noted that the committee had recently submitted the Bike Friendly Communities application, and thanked everyone for their hard work. He suggested that they look at the recommendations provided by this application as well as the Walk Friendly Communities application when setting committee goals.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

## **5. Work Session on Bike Friendly Communities Application**

The committee reviewed this application question by question.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.