

Ad Hoc Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes
Forbes Building, Room 24, September 18, 2012

Committee members present: Donna Avery, Chirs Hughes, Don Burn, Howard Drake, Tom Smith, Ellen Gugel, Bruce Tretter.

Meeting began at 7:05 pm. Committee members introduced themselves and unanimously selected Bruce Tretter as committee chair.

Mission Statement: Don to email mission statement drafted by Board of Selectmen to all members.

Wrong way drain grates in streets. Ellen mentioned that years ago she put together an inventory of wrong way grates (grates with parallel bars that run parallel, not perpendicular, to the street curb). She will distribute the list to committee members. The committee will then verify grate locations. Bruce to check with DPW about how grates can then be repositioned.

Traffic light sensors for bikes at intersections. Bruce to check with Jim Robbins and/or Town Engineer Carl Baldoff regarding sensor responsibility. Some sensors apparently do not work and/or are not well marked.

Traffic signage and markings. The committee discussed the feasibility of adding "sharrows", bike lanes, and "share the roads" signs to town streets. Don suggested talking with other town bike & pedestrian committees about how they handle this issue.

Educational Material: Ellen to look for education material for students, police, and will contact Framingham Biking Committee about their experiences and practices.

Bike Racks: Don suggested approaching Town Planning Office regarding proposing a zoning change to encourage businesses to install bike racks in exchange for those businesses being allowed to have more parking.

Tasks:

Ellen - research educational material, wrong way street drain grate inventory
Don - provide committee with Boston Worcester Airline Trolley Line access trail master plan after Jim Robbins review and photo inventory of town sidewalks
Bruce - Police (traffic), DPW (road grates, light sensors),
Chris - check with Mark Stockman re: committee website

Next Meeting: Oct. 16 @ 7pm (contingency date Oct. 23 in the event fall Town Meeting runs over past Monday, Oct. 15)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.