



**Bike and Pedestrian Committee Special
Meeting 6:00 PM, Thursday, September 22,
2022
1st Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall
And
Via Conference Call Bridge**

Agenda/minutes can be found here:
<https://fairfieldct.org/content/10736/12226/default.aspx>
The meeting recording can be found here: [Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee 09/22/22 - YouTube](#)

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

6:02 – Call to order and Roll Call of Committee members.

- Committee members present: Sarah Roy (Chair), Mary Streeto, Steve Gniadek, Tim Callahan, Mike Allen, Tom Keane
- Committee members present remotely: Nate Rex, Jose Oromi
- Committee members absent: Scott Craighead
- Others present: Santina Jaranko (FFLD Department of Health), Bill Hurley (FFLD Engineering)

The May and June meeting Minutes were not approved as this is a Special Meeting whereby no motions may be voted on. Minute takers for October and November meetings are Tim and Jose respectively

Chair Report –

- an update was provided on the Greenwich and Stamford Bike Connectivity. There goal is to extend though all Fairfield County. It would be advantageous for Fairfield to participate
- Scott Craighead has resigned due to work commitments
- Passing out Trick or Treat reflectors was discussed and all felt it was a good idea
- Discussed removable bumps from Treetop products for centerline hardening. Sample to be sent to Sarah
- October will be Sarah's last meeting, and she suggested the agenda omit updates from Town officials in order to discuss the structure of future meetings

Town Updates:

1. **Health Department** – Santina shared that the 10 remaining bike share bikes have donated to Fairfield and Sacred Heart Universities. Money for grant ending Sept 30th, but it looks like the funds can be used for completing the final section of South Pine Creek sidewalks. If not, the funds will be used for Reef Rd
2. **Engineering Dept** – Bill stated the STEAP Grant for \$500k will be used for sidewalks on Reef Rd and Round Hill Rd. One property owner is holding up the completion of South Pine Creek sidewalk but should be able to work it out. Four corners in Stratfield bids came in higher than grant. Town will be asked to fill the funding gap or downsize the project.
3. **Police Dept** – there was no representation, but Bill stated that through the DOT, we will be getting 2 free mobile speed signs
4. **Sustainable Fairfield** – update from Mary Hogue will be emailed by Sarah

Committee Updates:

1. **Treasurer** - Steve reported a balance in the account of 642.25
2. **Infrastructure and Design** - Greenfield Hill Bike Route will receive \$7k from State for signage
4. **Events and education** – no updates to ice cream coupons and contact with driving schools. Walk to school date is Oct 12th.
4. **Relationships and Policy** – Reached out to Sacred Heart and there was interest on their part, especially student pedestrian safety. Bridgeport looking to put bicycle paths on their side of Park Ave. Denise Tibeiro, Assoc Dean, is the point of contact.

Open Discussion:

Sarah shared meeting held with Town officials. First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick suggested we come back with 3-5 suggestions with what we want to do. It was suggested the Master Plan needs to be edited for Completed Items. MetroCOG may assist in updating the Plan.

Preliminary List for Board of Selectmen:

- Additional Pedestrian signage for crosswalks downtown
- Update and simplify the Master Plan
- Make Complete Streets Policy an ordinance (versus currently endorsement only)
- Bike lane on Park Ave near Sacred Heart
- Perform an audit to correct imbalance among schools for safe passage
- Pilot buffered Bike Lane projects
- Added via email: Ask for appropriation from the Town (10-15K) to support minute taking, committee member education, and other financial needs that may arise

7:29 – Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will take place at 6 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Submitted by Steve Gniadek.