

# **Bike & Pedestrian Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**When:** Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6pm

**Where:** 1st Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall & Via Conference Call Bridge

**Audio recording:** [Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 5/16/24 - YouTube](#)

## **Committee members in attendance**

- Steve Gniadek (SG), Chairman
- Tom Keane (TK), Vice Chairman - absent
- Anya Mezak (AM), Secretary
- Dave Peck (DP) - absent
- Sarah Mason (SM)
- Mike Allen (MA)
- Tim Callahan (TC)
- Tony Wellman (TW)

## Town Dept Representatives

- Engineering – Bill Hurley (BH) - absent
- Health – Santina Jaronko (SJ) - absent
- Police - Frank DeAngelis (FD)

## Community Representatives

- Forestry Committee - Mary Hogue (MH) - absent

One member of the public

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm

Motion to approve minutes from April 18 - passed unanimously

## Chairman's report

We have a new committee member. Unable to attend today.

Anya & Sarah have been and will continue to attend bimonthly Fairfield PTA meetings and report back to the committee any relevant issues

## Bike Bus Update -

Osborn Hill was on May 15. Feedback pending

Stratfield will be on May 24. There was a rain delay from May 15.

## Microgrant program (SM)

Would like to find ways to support those with the greatest need

Ideas brought up include Bike Safety education, Bike racks, Visibility vests

#### 2024 Goals Update

TW: Webpage update - town is working on the link issue first

TW: Was working on the National Bike Safety Month promotion

TC: No update on SHU project

MA: No update

#### Bicycle Safety Month Review

SG: Reached out to Police on success of the program. They got 100 DQ certificates donated to be given out to children wearing helmets. 15 have been given out so far. We have another 100 gift certificates to give out. Considering giving these out at elementary and middle schools since that would be less startling to kids and easier to find kids who qualify.

#### Public Comment

Chris Herman: South Pine Creek Kids on bikes, on the sidewalks Feels very stressed by that.

Police gave out over a thousand tickets last month for distracted driving (paid for by a grant).

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm