

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Attendance

- Ed Pawlak
- Paul Hogan
- Jill Morowski
- Jen Bowman
- Ed Perzanowski

The meeting started at 7:00 pm

2. Introductions

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

- Paul Hogan filed a motion
- Jen Bowman seconded
- Approved unanimously

4. Old Business

a. Boulevard restriping status

- The project is on hold for now, waiting for FHI to put together a report

b. Vision Zero Task Force update

- Monday, August 21, a meeting to discuss the findings of the four subcommittees (safe streets, data, and outreach)
- On Tuesday, September 19, there will be a meeting with the Vision Zero consultants
 - We will talk to the consultants about what kind of analysis to do

5. New Business

a. Engineering update

- Grant for 15 Accessible Pedestrian Signals at signalized intersections.
 - Two are completed, and the rest will be done in the future
- Phase VI Trout Brook Trail
 - There are still several work items remaining: landscaping, signage, etc.
The town expects it to be completed at the end of August.
- Phase VII should be completed in the fall of 2023.
- New Park Ave. Complete Streets
 - The town is hiring VHB consultants to assist in the final design.

- New Park Avenue - from New Britain Avenue to Home Depot
- Repaving - two recent projects will not include bike facilities
- A third round of resurfacing:
 - New Park Avenue: from Prospect and south to Home Depot. No bike facilities
 - Quaker Lane South: from Talcott Road to Flatbush - Identical to the Boulevard redesign.
 - Preference is two 4-foot bike lanes, with a 2-foot buffer on each side.
 - Talcott Road from New Park Avenue to Grassmere
 - The town wants to wait for the utility work to be completed before putting in bicycle facilities
 - Park Road redesign will take place in the fall and into the winter of 2023

b. P&Z update

- UConn campus redevelopment-only plans for wetlands have been submitted; zoning application still pending.
- Prospect Avenue - Part of a parking lot will be redeveloped with a Chipotle near the street. Bike parking will be provided.

c. In the News

a. Report: Connecticut State Troopers falsified data on traffic stops reported to racial profiling board

<https://www.ctpublic.org/news/2023-06-29/connecticut-troopers-falsified-data-on-traffic-stops-reported-to-racial-profiling-board-audit-says>

b. West Hartford SS4A Grant application (Speed Management Pilot Program)

- Purchase 15 automated traffic cameras as part of an 18-month study

6. Around Town

- Near Misses/Close Calls: Residents share stories of near-crashes

7. From the Library: Speed Kills

8. Announcements

- Center Streets - August 27

9. 9/11/2023 PBC meeting - Email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak (ecosys88@gmail.com)

10. Adjourn

- Paul Hogan made a motion to adjourn
- Jen seconded the motion
- It was approved unanimously