

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday August 12, 2024, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall

1. Call to Order, Attendance
 - a. Called to order at 7:02pm, 6 commissioners (Ed, Ed, Jill, Jen, John, Tristan) and 5 community members in attendance.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Approved unanimously
4. Old Business
 - a. Bicycle Facilities Plan revision update and vote to endorse
 - i. Discussed revisions included
 1. language around the town seeking grant applications to expedite bicycle facility development.
 2. parking requirements as a design consideration for facility development
 3. example of delineator post as a physical barrier
 - a. Interest in discussing double parking at a future meeting
 4. The use of future traffic volume estimates in facility design
 5. Definition of Facilities Exceeding Recommendations
 6. Legality of parking in bike lanes
 7. Desire to a commitment get green paint included into the facility plan and ability for citizens to enact change through referendum
 - ii. Motion to vote to endorse the Bicycle Plan and Facility Selection & Design Guide 2024: 8/1/24 Draft
 - iii. motion passes unanimously
 - b. WH Center Infrastructure Master Plan project update – no news to report
 - c. Park Road bike rack project update – on hold
 - d. Trout Brook Trail safety signs/markings project update – on hold
 - i. No update from the town facilities as of July 31st
 - ii. Discussion around “walk on left” bike paths and their efficacy and need for trout brook trail.
 - e. Request for speed data on collector and arterial roads
 - i. Motion to request speed and volume data for collector and arterial roads on an annual basis starting in 2023
 1. approved unanimously
5. New Business
 - a. Engineering/Vision Zero update
 - i. traffic calming measures on Tunxis Road and option for raised crosswalk

1. Initial raised crosswalk on Boulevard/Wardwell
 2. discussion around blocking Tunxis at Cheryl/Ownings
- ii. New Britain Ave milling and road diet trial has started.
- iii. Trout Brook Trail phase 3 is under construction, hopefully complete by end of October
- iv. VHB is still working on Complete Streets design for New Park Avenue, hoping for 2025 construction. Public meeting this fall.
- v. **Park Rd** – public meeting this fall
- vi. DOT Road Safety Audit for Albany Ave.
 1. Required police cruiser support for safety of participants
 2. Sidewalks in poor condition
 3. A bus stop is off sidewalk
 4. Lighting is insufficient in places.
 5. Orthodox Jewish congregations do not use pedestrian signals during Sabbath and holidays, creating a unique challenge
 6. DOT seemed interested in road diet.
- b. P&Z update - none
- c. Reports From Hoboken, NJ Vision Zero and Naples, FL - tabled
6. Around Town – Boulevard restriping produces a traffic calming benefit? - tabled
7. From the Library
8. Announcements – Critical Mass Rides
 - a. Hartford Bike Jam August 22
 - b. Critical Mass last Fridays of the month, 5pm at Rose Garden
 - c. Center Streets August 25th
 - d. Farmington trail benefit Lobster ride.
9. 9/9/2024 PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak (ecosys88@gmail.com)
10. Adjourn
 - a. Motion passed unanimously 8:39pm

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