

***West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes – Revised
11/12/2024***

Tuesday October 15, 2024, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall

1. Call to Order, Attendance

1. Ed Pawlak, Jill Morawski, John Wenz, Andrea Belli, Tristan Sokol create the quorum
2. No observers, guests

2. Introductions

Wide variety of pizza preferences shared.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

September meeting minutes approved unanimously

4. Old Business

a. WH Center Infrastructure Master Plan project update without the benefit of seeing the plans.

“Design Direction” plan with majority diagonal parking was selected by the town instead of our supported Option A. Rick Ledwith and Greg Sommer will be at the next PBC meeting to discuss

Ed Attended the CPED meeting which had some interesting slides that the commission and community would be interested in and will present at the next meeting

Of particular interest are the two “mobility hubs” planned in the center.

The commission will collect questions to bring to Rick and Greg

b. Park Road bike rack project update

Motion passed unanimously to send recommendations to Greg Sommer

c. Trout Brook Trail safety signs/markings project update

No update

5. New Business

a. Sedgwick Road Road Safety Audit

Audit between Mountain and Main

20-30 kids ride to Sedgwick middle school daily

The audit focused on the Main Street/Sedgwick and Wardwell/Sedgwick intersections; opportunities for raised crosswalks and a mini-roundabout; bike lanes; street vegetation for traffic calming; widening sidewalks where necessary.

b. Engineering/Vision Zero update

Guardrails on the new section of the Trout Brook Trail are not being installed due to gas line discovery. Will use vertical flex posts, and lane shifts, instead.

Boulevard/Wardwell intersection has a new raised crosswalk, appears to be slowing down traffic. Next raised crosswalks will be going in at intersection of Fern/ Cumberland, and Spring Lane/Tunxis Road.

Town has discussed a possible widening of Main Street between the south end of Road Diet and Brace Road to accommodate bike lanes. Commissioners discussed why bike lanes can't extend south to Farmington Avenue.

c. P&Z update - No update

d. Reports from Hoboken, NJ Vision Zero and Naples, FL – tabled

e. UConn T2 Center Pedestrian Safety Workshop 8/29/24 - tabled

6. Around Town

Boulevard restriping produces a traffic calming benefit? This appears to be true.

John Wenz shared his bike bus experience to King Phillip middle school

7. From the Library

8. Announcements

9. 11/12/2024 PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak (ecosys88@gmail.com)

10. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned 8:24pm