

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 10th Feb, 2025, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall

1. Call to Order, Attendance taken at 7:00pm

Commissioners in attendance:

Ed Pawlak(EP), Jen Bowman(JB), Ed Perzanowski(EPe) , Andrea Belli(AB),John Wenz(JW)

Members of the public: 1

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Minutes were approved unanimously

3. New Business

- Sedgwick Road Safety Audit: Update on community input
 - Question: Why the audit stopped before Mountain Road/Buena Vista Road as that is a critical area
 - EP listed the comments to the draft Sedgwick Road Road Safety Audit report. Tomorrow, 2/11/2025 is the deadline for submitting comments
- EP reported on the Presentation given to the Town Council on January 28
 - There is a speed crisis in town-> raised crosswalks work as data show that on average the speed is reduced 23% based on Nov'24 data collected by the town-> more than 4 raised crosswalks are needed, in fact at least 30 qualify (initial list attached below, more to be added by the commissioners):
 - Where no traffic signal is present
 - Large roads/collector roads/arterial roads
 - Total 450K\$ estimated cost (approximately 11% of the amount allocated existing budget for road repaving and pedestrian and bicycle management)
 - Motion approved to draft a letter for the Town Council, Town Manager, Town Engineer to state our support to quickly build raised crosswalks at existing unsignalized crosswalks to improve safety
- Annual Budget 2024-2025: Implications for pedestrians, bicyclists and road safety
- Engineering/Vision Zero update: reports will be available after the CPED meeting
- Mobility Hubs update presented: EP asked for comments to be shared among the commissioners

- Federal funding for the Speed Camera implementation is frozen because of the across-the-board spending freeze in Washington
- Street light improvement update: about 200 lights will be installed once equipment arrives

4. Old Business

- West Hartford Center Infrastructure Master Plan: Final discussion:
 - JW stated that the state pedestrian and bicycle commission has issued a letter to support option A

5. Announcements- none

6. 3/10/2025 next PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak

7. Adjourn 8:45PM