

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday May 11th 2026, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall.

Commissioners :Ed Pawlak, Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine, Andrea Belli, Brendan Wheeler, Tristan Sokol, Nick McGee, Jen Bowman, Jordan Tessler

Members of the community: Danielle Moghadam., Max Fantel, Maggie Lalima, Ethan and Trace Frankel, Esra and Luisa Dorey, Silas Dorey, Ariadma Khafizova, Jay Stange, Chris Timmel, Kate Bondi

Town Officials: Greg Sommer and Rick Ledwith

1 Call to Order, **7:08 pm**

2. Introductions of the attendants

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes- **Unanimous approval of both meeting minutes**

4. Old Business

a. Review road resurfacing/restriping projects on Farmington Avenue and Prospect Avenue

Greg described the plan for restriping Farmington Ave. eastern section. Reversing bike/parking lanes is not ideal

Possibly adding pedestrian lights at crosswalks. After July 1st more funding might be available for green painting.

Greg described the Prospect Ave/Park Road repaving. For now leave the 5 "shoulder and add the buffer later. Commission to discuss the alternative in our next meeting.

b. PBC letter of support for a holistic study of issues surrounding school safety

Rick L: The town has decided to have a transportation consultant conduct this project using grant funding. Currently RFP in process.

5. New Business

a. Engineering/Vision Zero update: Town Engineer and Town Manager answer questions from PBC and public

Greg S. updates on road projects:

1- Albany Road road diet: State DOT is working on analysis of traffic signals

- 2- **New Park Ave: road diet with 2 way separated bike facility**
- 3- **Quaker Lane South: incorporate bike lanes**
- 4- **Sedgwick Road: incorporated quick builds**
- 5- **Center: focus is currently on Farmington Avenue (North); mobility hubs, bike hitches, benches and bollards to be installed on Lasalle Road.**
- 6- **Fern Street bridge: RFQ ongoing (tomorrow ends)**
- 7- **Red Light/Speed Cameras: expected go live this fall and then early 2027**
- 8- **Quick Builds to Permanent: discussion in progress**

b. P&Z update - **None**

6. Discussion of general pedestrian and bicyclist access/safety issues in town

- **Brookside Drive north sidewalk (4') approved...expected completion within 2026?**
- **Commission requested that Cliffmore Road sidewalk are needed starting from Mountain Road. This will be a much larger and much more expensive project.**
- **Fern/Monclair crash testimony from resident involved as a pedestrian. Ed P. reiterated the commission's request to upgrade many existing crosswalks to raised crosswalks throughout town.**
- **Trash cans on Trout Brook Trail: Rick L confirmed that they will install "in ground" ones**
- **Lower speed limits across town: Rick L. says that while the camera program is being started it would be better not to touch the speed limit. He supports the 25 MPH town wide speed limit on residential streets, and 30 MPH on collector and arterial roads.**
- **Webster Hill Elementary School: in the future the PBC will be involved in discussions involving pedestrian and bicyclist access and safety.**

7. Announcements - **None**

8. 6/8/2026 PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak (ecosys88@gmail.com)

9. Adjourn. 9:05PM