

City of Essex Junction
Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024
APPROVED February 21, 2024

Meeting Attendees: Micah Hagan, Chris Kline, Mark Breslin, Tacy Lincoln, Phil Bieber, Russ Miller-Johnson; Michael Giguere (new committee member waiting for confirmation)

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Tacy Lincoln volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

Changes to Agenda/Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved. No agenda changes were requested.

Public to be Heard: No comments.

CCPC Unified Planning Grant Information Update: Chris Yuen was not able to attend this evening's meeting and discussion was tabled for the next BWAC meeting.

Brainstorming Suggestions for the UVM Capstone Project: The following suggestions will be put forward to Professor Lens and members of his class to consider for incorporation into their Capstone Project.

Project Ideas (not in order of priority)

1. Pearl Street/Susie Wilson Road Path Connection: Specifically, need for connectivity between the Pearl Street Park and the Susie Wilson/ Route 15 intersection.
2. Crescent Connector: Are the roads that appear to have been constructed in this area more narrow than originally proposed? Compare current state of construction for further research and evaluation of final plans for bike/walk utility.
3. Grove and North Street Crossing: This intersection has an unusually long crosswalk that transects a lane with no stop sign and has been brought to the BWAC's attention as a public safety concern.
4. Path Gaps in the 5 Corners:
 - a. Pearl Street: inbound bike lane disappears
 - b. Curtis Avenue and Lincoln Street: no inbound or outbound bike paths
 - c. River Road/Maple Street: inbound and outbound bike lanes disappear the 5 Corners intersection

Alternate Project Ideas

1. Develop a plausible proposal for bike traffic to bypass 5 Corners.

2. Identify common “jay walking” spots throughout the 5 Corners area. For example, areas where RRFB is ignored; on Park Street to get to Boxcar Bakery; on Maple Street to get to the Bagel shop, etc. and propose options to enhance safety.
3. Accessibility concerns around the timing of the pedestrian crossing lights at 5 Corners.

Bike Rack Inventory: Discussion tabled until the next BWAC meeting.

Bike Safety Event: Mark reminded the Committee that logistics related to this event must be submitted ASAP. Further discussion about the program content was tabled until the next BWAC meeting.

Next Meeting:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.