



In Attendance

Kenneth Kovalchik, Ann Mullaly, Anne Benware, Jennifer Spore, Jill Adams, Scott Lewendon, Oliver Holmes, Henry Peyrebrune, Paul Winkeller, Jason Gallo

The following are the action items from the meeting:

May Bike Expo

- Jason Gallo provided an update on the May 10th event. The event will run from 10AM to 1PM.
- Jason asked that as many Committee members as possible volunteer to work at the event and reiterated the Bike Expo is the centerpiece event for our Committee.
- Instructors will be needed for each of the skills courses and asked for Committee members to participate as instructors. Scott Lewendon offered to train Committee members that will be volunteering.
- The event will finish with a group bike ride through Old Delmar.

ACTION ITEMS

- Jason will email Committee members and ask for a response from anyone who plans on working the event.
- Jason will add the ROLL MODEL Pledge as an item on the back of the "Skills Course" card distributed at the Committee meeting.
- Scott Lewendon will offer skills training to the Committee and it was agreed that training will occur at 9AM the day of the event.
- The April 22nd Bike/Ped Committee meeting agenda will primarily focus on planning details for the Bike Expo event. Jason will be in attendance for this meeting.

Haswell Farms/The Enclave Traffic Calming Initiative

- Ken Kovalchik provided an update of the public meeting that was held on February 25th involving residents from the two communities. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the speeding issue occurring in the two subdivisions and traffic calming measures that could be implemented.
- The Committee discussed alternative traffic calming measures that could be implemented.
- The Committee inquired if traffic calming measures could be implemented during repaving/resurfacing of Town roads.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ken Kovalchik will keep the Committee updated on which traffic calming measures will be implemented and the timeframe for implementation.

Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail

- Ken Kovalchik provided the Committee an update from the February 20th meeting presented by Albany County.
- Funding is available for the County to complete Phase III of the rail trail – Delaware Avenue bridge in Delmar to South Pearl Street in Albany, a distance of 3.2 miles. The project must be let by September 15, 2014, will begin construction Spring 2015 and completed in Fall 2015.

- Phase I and Phase II of the rail trail, from Delaware Avenue Bridge to Voorheesville will be completed as funding becomes available.
- Scott Lewendon mentioned ongoing discussions between the Town of Bethlehem and Albany County regarding sewer upgrades along the rail trail between the Delaware Avenue bridge and New Scotland Ave Bridge. There are steep slopes along this section of the trail that may be improved enough to allow the section of trail to be open to bikers. It would remain as a cinder dust trail.
- Ken K. notified the Committee that a Delaware Avenue Improvement Group Committee had been formed by the Town, with one of the missions of the group being to provide design alternatives for the Delaware Avenue bridge.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ken K. will keep the Committee updated on progress of the rail trail being constructed.

Delaware Avenue Improvement Group Update

- Ken K. updated the Committee on a recently formed Delaware Avenue Improvement Group. The purpose of the Group is to: 1) assist in the design/implementation of the TEP grant for the Delaware Avenue improvement project; 2) assist in the design of the Delaware Avenue bridge as part of the rail trail construction; and 3) assist in the implementation of the design standards and guidelines developed as part of the Delaware Avenue Improvement Study.
- Oliver H. inquired if sustainability/energy efficiency measures can be implemented as part of the redevelopment of the corridor. Scott L. mentioned he is a member of the Delaware Avenue Improvement Group and will relay comments/suggestions from our Committee to the Improvement Group.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ken K. will keep Committee updated on progress of the Delaware Avenue Improvement Group.
- Anne Benware was going to research Federal/State requirements for ADA accessibility during repaving/resurfacing projects and provide findings to Scott L. and Ken K.

Sidewalk Assessment/Evaluation Project Update

- Ken K. updated the Committee on the status of this project. Representatives from the Town Planning, Engineering and Highway Departments met to discuss a timeframe for completing the project.
- The Highway Superintendent will be able to provide personnel to complete the evaluation of sidewalks. The Town's GIS Specialist is formatting a software program for the Highway Department personnel to utilize to complete the evaluation.
- All 40 miles of the Town's sidewalks will be evaluated. Tentative timeframe to start the project will be April/May.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ken K. will keep Committee updated as project progresses.

New Business

- Ken K. mentioned the Albany Bike Coalition May 4th event at the Washington Park Lake House from 10AM to 4PM.
- Ken K. mentioned the ROLL MODEL Pledge was included in the Summer 2014 Bethlehem Town News.
- Ken K. mentioned the email sent to the Committee by Maureen Cunningham regarding the May 7th Bike to School Day event at Hamagrael Elementary. Anyone available to help out Maureen with this event please contact her directly.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting April 22, 2014, at 6:30 pm.