



In Attendance

Committee Members: Laura DiBetta, Scott Lewendon, Anne Benware, Ann Mullaly, Kristen Ackerman, Fred Schrock

(Note there were also some members of the public present: A.J. Jones and his dad – he was there for an assignment for his Participation in Government class; Joe and Melody Brennan, who live in Slingerlands and are avid cyclists.)

The following is a summary from our January 24, 2017 Committee meeting:

Project Updates

Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study

Anne B. provided an update. The advisory committee has met twice. The consultants have prepared an existing conditions report, which is expected to be posted to the Town's website soon. There is a public meeting on Feb. 16 from 6-8pm at the Town Hall. At the meeting, the public will have an opportunity to share their concerns and what they'd like to see in the future. Using input from the public, the consultants will develop several concepts and simulations of what those concepts will look like. There will then be another public meeting.

Scott added that the existing conditions report was well done. It charted all the bike/ped/motor accidents. There have been seven accidents involving bicycles in the last five years, often because of bicycles on sidewalks. He hopes to see this addressed in the existing conditions report.

Historic Bike Map Routes

Fred has spent several months researching historic sites in the Town, including several meetings with the Town Historian. He showed the committee the draft Google Map. It currently includes more than 150 locations. Fred will send a link to the map to the committee for input. The goal is to have this on the Town's website for use electronically or to be printed.

Bike Rodeo

The committee discussed locations near the trail, but noted the tradeoff then with increased visibility when it is done in conjunction with the Farmers' Market. The committee recommends setting a date and affirmed its commitment to leading this project. Possible dates are May 13th or May 20th. May 13th is Mother's Day weekend, but Kristen is unavailable May 20th.

Other Business

Ann M. noted that there was a Spotlight article on recent thefts in Delmar in which the article mentioned the Rail Trail, suggesting that there was a connection. No one on the committee has heard anything to suggest the Rail Trail is the cause of these thefts. Scott noted that at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy survey showed that the crime rate on/near rail trails is no different than what is found at a municipal park.

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Room 100.