



**Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Summary
June 26, 2012**

Present: Scott Lewendon, Ann Mullaly, Caleb Wistar, Joe Pasquini, Maureen Cunningham, Jill Adams, Anne Benware
Town of Bethlehem Staff: Jason Gallo, Rob Leslie, Brian Kise
School District Staff: None

Comments on May Meeting Summary

No Comments.

Welcome New Committee Members

Joe Pasquini, Maureen Cunningham and Jill Adams...Welcome!

Paths Committee has a new name-Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee...officially!

Safe Routes to School Grant Application Update

Reviewed Safe Routes to School Grant Application update-\$50,000 minimum available for infrastructure, \$500,000 maximum. \$150,000 for non-infrastructure. Infrastructure dollars would go for a sidewalk project, which must be within 2 miles of the Middle School or an Elementary school. Benefits must be quantified first, who would/will use them? Slingerlands School, Hamagrael, and Middle School look to be the best candidates for these projects as a half mile to one mile are the national walking averages. Winnie Rd., Fernbank Ave. and Delmar Place are possible suggestions. Also, Orchard Street and Brockley Drive are possibilities. The Bethlehem Central School District is supportive and Rob met with Al Karam and Judy Kehoe to discuss potential sidewalk locations and the District's interest in applying for non-infrastructure (education) funding). The application's final deadline is Oct. 5th.

October 3rd is National Walk to School Day. Jason will spearhead this for Slingerlands Elementary School. Jason will try to get Cindy Ferrari involved as she is the head of the Healthy Kids Committee. The Town can assist with any mapping of walking routes, if needed.

Review & Discuss Draft Committee Goals and Future Tasks List

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Committee goals and how they will tackle the development of a future task list to address the recommendations from the Bicycle Friendly and Walk Friendly Community application evaluations. Engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and engagement. The Committee hopes to tackle Education and Enforcement in July, Engineering in September, Encouragement and Engagement in October. November will be for Planning.

Joe offered to help create a matrix for items/to do list for Education/Enforcement for July. Rob suggested being able to use the town IT department to establish an online Committee discussion board that will allow us to post and edit documents. Rob will investigate this option with the Town IT Department. Committee members will begin to identify tasks associated with the Education recommendations.

New Business

Scott informed the Committee that a section of the Albany County Rail Trail will soon be open in the Town of New Scotland. Also, Albany County is working on applying for a revision to the original funding for the Albany County Rail Trail through the CDTC Planning Committee. The goal is to apply for an amended scope and project cost that would result in more flexibility to utilize the funds from that have been provided for the project on the TIP.

Public Comment

Bill Reinhardt stated that documenting the reasons for not addressing a particular recommendation from the Bike and Walk Friendly Community applications is important. In this manner, if the Committee applies for Bike and/or Walk Friendly Community status in the future, application reviewers would understand why the Town chose to address certain recommendations and not others. In his experience reviewing applications, it's best not to ignore recommendations. Otherwise, reviewers feel their recommendations have not been addressed.

Adjourn

8:00 PM