



Present: Scott Lewendon, Alan Via, Ann Mullaly, Henry Peyrebrune, Caleb Wistar, Oliver Holmes
Town of Bethlehem Staff: Jason Gallo, Rob Leslie
School District Staff: None

Comments on April Meeting Summary

No Comments.

Review Town's May Bike Month Activities

Jason and Rob recapped the events and activities that the PaTHs committee has had some involvement with during the month of May.

- **Bike Expo Event** – Well attended, need more volunteers next time. Bike ride through the park was successful. Scott noted that there were more older youth participants this year, due in part to the extra credit that the PE and Health classes offered them for participating, we should encourage this again. We should also try and have one of the bicycle officers help lead the traffic skills.
- **Hamagrael Elementary Bike to School Day Assembly** – On May 9th the Hamagrael Elementary School celebrated Bike week by having a Bike Safety & Education assembly. Rob discussed the New Delmar Bike Route and showcased actual signs on the route for the students to see. A handout w/map was distributed to all. The safety education portion of the assembly was lead by Bill Vanalstyne. Through music, high energy and demonstrations Bill was able to teach some important bicycle safety tips.
- **CDTC/CDTA Bike Racks** – The Town was again successful and awarded 6 Black rubber Dip Hoop style racks (2 surface & 4 in ground mounts). These racks will replace the ones currently mounted around 4 corners, to better match the aesthetic of the streetscape. The racks being removed will be relocated to Elm Avenue Town Park Office (2) and the Adams St. parking lot (4). The Town has now successfully received 23 Bike Racks through this grant program.
- **Savvy Cyclist Course** – The Parks and Recreation Department is again offering a bicycle education course during the month of May. The focus is on helping riders become more independent on their bike while learning to be more confident when riding in traffic.
- **Bicycle Friendly Community Application Update** – The Town has received the results of the Bicycle Friendly Community Application and did not score high enough to be deemed a Bicycle Friendly Community. However, we did receive valuable information & recommendations about how we can become one. Thus setting up future goals & tasks for the committee.
- **New Delmar Bicycle Route Installed** – The signs for the route are installed and the sharrow pavement markings will be completed soon. Henry asked about what type of publicity was done for this? Rob responded that the new route was on the back of the recently mailed Park Playbook/Bethlehem Report, it was shared and discussed at the Hamagrael School Assembly and will also go out in the Bethlehem enews. Henry pointed out that work like the New Bicycle Route and the sidewalk work being done on Kenwood Ave should be better publicized for the community to know that the Town is doing great things and responding to their requests.

VHB/NYSERDA Grant Wrap-Up (available at www.sustainablebethlehem.org)

As part of the NYSERDA Grant work tasks performed by VHB for the Town, a new website, www.sustainablebethlehem.org, has been created to help disseminate Sustainable Bethlehem initiatives and information. This site also includes details about the completed bulleted items listed below:

- Established Committee Vision, Mission & Goals
- Hosted Community Public Workshop / Compiled Survey Data of Bicycle & Pedestrian Issues
- Committee Participation in League of American Bicyclists Traffic Skills Course 101
- Created Maintenance Manual for Sidewalks and Bicycle Facilities/Roads
- Developed Bicycle & Pedestrian Brochure w/ New Delmar Bicycle Route
- Developed Plans for Delmar & Glenmont Bicycle Routes
- Created Annual Schedule of Bicycle/Pedestrian Events
- Walk & Bicycle Friendly Community Applications

Direction of Committee

Jason announced that he will be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Paths Committee, effective this July. In order to handle the minutes going forward a different member will record the meeting summary at each meeting. Basically with an 11 member Committee and 11 meetings throughout the year each member will prepare the meeting summary once. Jason expressed that although he would not be serving in an official capacity with the Committee anymore, he envisions still being involved either through future programming and/or assistance at future planned events by the Committee.

Scott asked if it would be allowed/possible for one of the volunteer members to serve as a co-chair? Rob said yes it is possible and he would give it consideration. At this time Rob Leslie will serve as the sole Chair going forward.

- New Members

3 new committee members will be recommended to the Town Board at the June 13 meeting for consideration of appointment to the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem committee. These three new members will serve and complete the terms of the volunteer members who recently resigned.

- Future Tasks

The committee will utilize the newly created Vision, Mission & Goals in conjunction with both the Bicycle & Pedestrian Community Application recommendations to develop a list of future tasks.

These tasks will be outlined & presented for discussion at the next meeting in June, when our newly appointed committee members will be present.

Safe Routes to School Grant Application

The Town received an announcement letter identifying the availability of Safe Routes to School funding, administered through the NYS DOT Safe Routes to School Program. Infrastructure (non-programmatic) funding is available, up to \$500K, for sidewalk, bike route, signal improvement, crosswalks, etc. at locations that are within a 2-mile distance of an elementary school or middle school. Programmatic (education and enforcement) funding is also available. Rob L. has been assigned to prepare the grant application. Rob L. indicated he will meet with the Bethlehem Central School District to discuss potential locations of sidewalk and other infrastructure projects. The application guidebook emphasizes coordination between a municipality and school district when apply for funds to construct a sidewalk. The list of sidewalk projects the Committee identified with VHB will serve as a good starting point. Final grant applications are to be submitted to NYSDOT by October 5, 2012. There is an August deadline for an application review of completeness.

New Business

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

8:05pm