

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2015

In attendance: John Hall, Cindi Perugini, Pam Roth, Laura Baum, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Monica Belyea

Minutes of the October meeting accepted by Monica and Pam.
November meeting was cancelled.

Action Plan/Calendar of events:

Safe Routes to School Program: Section 3:

Should Marco Gaylord be contacted. He attended a meeting with CS, but has a lot of time vested in the sidewalk infrastructure project in the vicinity of schools.

The Macdonough School Governance Committee is working on this program through a grant. Monica will check into this.

West Street and Washington Street intersection: John informed the committee the posts appear to be installed in this area for the walk signs. No one has noticed if they are operable.

Calendar of events:

Calendar year 2016 will show dated events, and as soon as dates are known for annual events they will be included.

Bike to School: May 4, 2016

Walk to School: October 5, 2016

Discover Middletown Bike Ride:

Probably best to consider 2017 for this event. Best to coincide with other local events, which will bring people to Middletown. It will be necessary to get the city and local business involved. Also important to fully advertise the event.

Outreach to Schools: Bike/Walk to School

Monica will be CS liaison. The schools have the structure to distribute the information for upcoming CS events. There may be factors which do not allow for safe walking in the school vicinity such as lack of sidewalks.

Monica can notify CS if there are any principals interested in participating, if so, maybe set up a meeting. Good for CS to stay on top of this.

Riverfront Festival and Kids Health and Safety Day are scheduled for the same day, May 7, 2016 :

It's possible the Kids Safety Day maybe rescheduled. CS must be diligent in advertising the event to bring in more families. Ron is waiting to hear from Chris Holden, Committee Chair.

Riverfront Festival organizers have requested assistance from the committee to man a bike corral for individuals to keep their bikes safe. John will suggest to festival organizers that the bike corral be located near the CS booth and away from other exhibitors.

Discussion regarding road signage for newly paved roads or other areas of consideration.

It will be necessary for CS to put together an inclusive list and present it to Public Works. Further conversation is necessary on this subject. Include in next agenda.

Complete Streets Ordinance:

CS is on the agenda for the January 13, 2016 Public Works Meeting.

John is encouraging all to attend and spread the word so there is a lot of support.

East Coast Greenway:

John met with Mayor Drew who is excited and supportive of the Greenway coming through Middletown. John met with the City of Meriden Engineer, who is active with the project and applying for grant funding to connect the new commuter railroad from Meriden to Springfield, MA. This is a perfect opportunity for Middletown to work with Meriden to bring the Greenway through Middletown and Portland.

Wesleyan Hills Multi Use Trail update:

Laura informed the committee the engineers are proposing rerouting the trail to Long Lane Road, Wadsworth Street to Pine Street and through Wesleyan. As of now there is discussion regarding shutting Fountain Street to traffic. Wesleyan officials have concerns with student safety. The consultant will look further into this option.

Saybrook Road Sidewalk update:

Cardinal Engineering is still considering the most efficient side to install the sidewalk.

2016 Meeting Schedule:

1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/17, 11/14, 12/12

All meetings held at 7 pm in the Common Council Chambers, except April and May.
Location to be determined.