



Minutes

June 14, 2021

- I. Board elections at our next meeting – if interested, please contact Jeff
- II. Town infrastructure update—Jeff
 - A. Putnam Bridge connecting trails
 - 1. DOT likely targeting next year
 - B. Between Western Blvd. and Smith trail
 - 1. Stop sign likely to be installed to increase safety at trail exit
 - C. Smith trail mountain bike trail
 - 1. Several attendees expressed serious safety concerns with having MTB trail crossings with the Smith/Bell Street trail; stop signs not expected to stop some MTB riders as they cross; Jeff to follow-up with Mark and others to share feedback
 - D. Side walk construction and planning on-going (Main St.—School St. to New London Tpke., Main St.—Buttonball & Red Hill intersections)
 - E. Road Safety Audit corridor (House St. to Riverfront Park)
 - 1. Town still planning to pursue some of the audit recommendations, but no specifics yet available
 - F. New maps to be made available by town soon
- III. Climate ride 2021—Dennis
 - A. Fundraising was a success, but the ride came up one day short
- IV. Main Street commercial/residential development, Planning and Zoning meeting—Ron

- A. Ron walked through the initial plan proposal but expect major revisions based upon Planning/Zoning committee feedback
- V. May 22 Parks & Recreation event—Jeff
 - A. Event publicity was lacking and led to low turn-out
- VI. Proposed bike rental program—Nick Paindiris
 - A. Nick was not in attendance due to a conflicting meeting
- VII. Group picture discussion
 - A. 40+ people attended the Wethersfield photo event
 - B. Jeff suggested a riverfront park picture with Putnam bridge in the background
 - 1. Goodwin College was shared as an alternative
 - C. Sue suggested we contact TV stations
 - D. Allen suggested contacting Goodwin College
 - E. Suggestion to get speaker(s) for event
 - F. Allen will work with Jeff to plan
- VIII. Pollinator Pathway—Allen
 - A. TALK looking into native seed plantings on Smith Trail
- IX. Process to update Bicycle Master Plan
 - A. Town looking to have plan updated by later this summer / early fall
 - B. Rich volunteered to help, Jeff, Sue and Dennis too
- X. Age-friendly community—Jeff
- XI. Treasurer's report—Dan
 - A. Dan to research a bank change to avoid the monthly charges

BOARD ELECTIONS WILL OCCUR AT OUR SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING