



MINUTES

Sept. 8, 2025

I. Updates

- The utility poles have been moved in the area of Main Street between the Cider Mill and Chestnut Hill Road as the initial step toward the sidewalk and related improvements along that section of Main Street.
- Mark has begun blazing the mountain bike trails alongside the Smith School multiuse path.
- Our cost for the Glastonbury High School on-bicycle physical education program was \$960, the decrease due to the lesser number of bikes rented. The school is able to keep those bikes until the end of October and has budgeted for renting bikes next spring. Some of the phys ed teachers would appreciate volunteers to assist with their classes, given the widely diverse proficiency levels of their students. Three members of our group expressed interest. Jeff will pursue further details. A classroom-only mountain bike club is about to start at GHS. Staff at the middle and elementary schools are not interested in bike education.

II. A lengthy discussion about e-bikes and other motorized “vehicles” ensued. Chris explained that the new CT laws going into effect October 1 need some adjustment. The problem of inappropriate and unsafe riding of these vehicles by adolescents is occurring nationwide with an increased incidence of accidents. Concerns have been raised by the American Academy of Pediatrics and motorcycle associations. The Glastonbury Police Department is making efforts to educate the public and enforce the law. The group recommended the October meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Group include discussion of these issues, including inviting the Chief of Police to attend, possibly leading to further efforts at education and enforcement, with possible recommendations of additional Town ordinances.

III. Allen and Dan are attending meetings of the town’s Safety Action Plan Steering Committee. That group’s consultant will give a presentation Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 PM at the Riverfront Community Center.

IV. The members present unanimously elected the following to the Board of Directors:

Chris Siwy

Dan Sharp

Dennis Desmarais

Jeff Stein

Mark McCall

Rich Kubica

John Adams

Allen Friedrich

A quorum of the board elected the new officers for a 2-year term:

President—Chris Siwy

Vice president—Jeff Stein

Treasurer—Dan Sharp

Secretary—Dennis Desmarais