

Newburyport Livable Streets Meeting
Newburyport Public Library Program Room
Newburyport, MA
7 PM to 9 PM
10.2.2018

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Kitty Krajci, Elizabeth Marcus, Jim McCarthy, Kathy Seekamp, Judy Tymon, Christine Wallace, Conrad Willeman

Updates & General Discussion

Jim M said that Mayor Holaday was on Local Pulse on 9.29.2018 discussing quite a few items of interest to us.

Local Pulse - Show 221 - Interview with Mayor begins at 22.40 min. Can listen to at <http://www.newburyportnews.com/localpulse/>

Riverfest logistics, parking garage & bus pull-in, paving of High Street & Merrimack Sts, Safe Routes to School project, Complete Streets consultancy for Merrimack St (a top priority), Noble St sidewalk/bikeway, Clipper City Rail Trail Phase II completion, addressing rail trail/sewage treatment plant/Merrimack St sea level rise vulnerability, Waterfront West design. (to 44.70 min)

Jim M suggested NLS write a formal letter to the City recommending bike/ped design needs for Waterfront West. He shared maps, drawings and his thoughts about the project including removal of cars from the piazza and cars from one of the ways to the river.

Elizabeth M had spoken to Mary McDonald about working on a Greenway walking event. Mary would be interested in organizing projects for creating items — perhaps luminaries/masks/costumes for the event at Tinkerhaus. Is New Year's Eve a possibility? Here is a link to Holliston's New Year's Eve event: <http://hollistontrails.org/5th-annual-first-night-trail-walk/> The feeling was that this New Year's Even might be too soon. Would we need a permit? Where would the walk be? What other activities, if any, would be involved? Perhaps set up a sub-committee to work on this.

Complete Streets Projects/Prioritization

Judy T reviewed the Complete Streets Program vis-a-vis Newburyport.

- The City of Newburyport adopted the Complete Streets Program
- Next step is to submit a prioritized plan
- The city has hired a consultant to assist
- Design must be complete before funding

- Geordie and/or Wayne will be point person

Brainstorm

Juliet's, Alex's & Bob's emailed Ideas (Judy will add)

Bike/ped Connection from Moseley Pines to Pioneer Field

Bike/ped trail from Lower Atkinson to Upper Atkinson

Action Items

Judy T. will incorporate ideas for Complete Streets Projects submitted by Juliet, Bob and Alex in a shared spreadsheet on Google Drive & invite NLS participants to add their ideas.

Conrad W will create a Doodle poll to determine when the November NLS meeting will be since many in the group are already committed to a Storm Surge program on November 13.

Elizabeth M will research what permits/permissions might be required for a Greenway/Middleway walking event. Will also talk further with Rick & Sheila about the Holliston New Years Eve event.

Future Meetings

November TBD

December 4

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

Minutes submitted by:

Elizabeth Marcus