

Newburyport Livable Streets Meeting
Newburyport Public Library Program Room
Newburyport, MA
7 PM to 8:45 PM
1/15/2019

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Kathy Seekamp, Conrad Willeman, Elizabeth Marcus, Sheila Taintor, Juliet Walker, Tom Murray, Matt Murray, Steven Lawton, Colleen Lawton, Judy Crocker, Alex Dardinski, Kitty Krajci

Welcome / Introductions

A warm welcome to our Nock Middle School students and parents who joined us for the first time tonight. Matt and Steven are interested in focusing on topics related to pedestrian and bicycle transportation and safety for their 8th grade "I Am We" project.

Pedestrian Training

Judy Crocker, Outreach Coordinator from the Safe Routes to School program provided a brief 30-minute training for how to conduct pedestrian safety talks oriented toward elementary-aged students. Mass SRTS staff have provided these talks at the Bresnahan and Molin schools in the past but scheduling has always been a challenge. The hope is that, with NLS trained volunteers, we will be able to offer these talks on a regular basis each year for grades 2nd through 5th in all Newburyport schools. There is also a bicycle safety training that can be offered for the older elementary kids.

NLS Project / Initiatives List

A list of projects and initiatives that NLS is either leading or following was distributed at the meeting. People were asked to sign up for any items of interest that required action by NLS. The hope is these "teams" will meet between our monthly meetings to work on the items listed and then report back to the full group. Anyone who is interested in signing up for a team who is not listed, please e-mail newburyportlivablestreets@gmail.com.

- 1) High Street Safe Routes to School project -- Juliet W, Rick Taintor, Judy Tymon
- 2) Complete Streets Prioritization Planning -- Alex D., Kitty K., Judy T., Conrad W., Rick T., Christine Wallace, Bob Uhlig
- 3) Merrimac Street Safety Initiative -- Christine W., Judy T.
- 4) Traffic Safety Advisory Committee -- Christine W, Judy T, Rick T
- 5) Bike Racks -- Gary Gorski, Rick T, Juliet W
- 6) Winter/Spring 2019 Film Series -- Elizabeth M, Conrad W, Sheila T, Rick T
- 7) "Tactical" Urbanism (or demonstration project) -- Alex D, Elizabeth M, Sheila T, Kathy Seekamp, Bob Uhlig
- 8) Open Streets Event -- Alex D, Kate Dardinski, Judy T, Conrad W, Juliet W
- 9) Safe Routes to School Bike Safety Rodeo and Spring Walk/Bike to School Day -- Matt M, Steven L, Judy C, Alex D, Kate D

Next Steps / Action Items

Next NLS monthly meeting is February 5th

Those interested in working on the Complete Streets Prioritization will meet in the next week

The City's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan public meeting is January 31 at 7pm at City Hall

The schedule of NLS monthly meetings through June of 2019 is below:

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4