

**Newburyport Livable Streets  
Meeting  
September 15, 2020 – 7:00 to 8:45 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Attendees** -- Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Ben Iacono, Judy Tymon

- City projects update
  - **High Street Safe Routes to School** -- Juliet W reported back on Geordie Vining's status update and confirmed that they will not be putting raised islands at the crosswalks at Carter St and Toppans Ln, these will be flush instead. Project is expected to be completed next year. She also reached out to the Mayor about restriping the rest of High St and restoring the bike lanes. Mayor's response was that she anticipates being able to restripe this season after re-paving is completed.
  - **Lower Atkinson Common Master Plan** -- Upcoming meeting to discuss conceptual plan for parking area next to Pioneer Field on Thursday September 17th. Concerns about accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists and too much pavement. Share any other comments with Councilor Wallace or go to the meeting. Still in preliminary phases.
  
- Review of NLS initiatives
  - **Library/Harris St bike racks** -- Rick T is working on getting funding through the MVRTA to for bike racks for the Library. Rick T has been granted permission to work with Jon Eric White on layout for the location.
  - **Crosswalks** -- Rick T and Alden C have been working on updating the City's crosswalk inventory. Attended meeting with the City's Public Safety Committee. Councilor Wallace is reaching out to each of the Ward Councilors and NLS is available to assist with inventorying and identifying recommendations for additional locations.
  - **Bicycle Parking Master Plan** -- Pending ok from Mayor, survey will go out week of 9/23. Group discussed other venues to share with -- Schools, Chamber, Riverside Cycle also publish in paper.
  - **Winter sidewalk maintenance** -- Juliet W discussed linkages with ped safety and equity and increased pedestrian activity on streets and sidewalks during COVID. For winter sidewalk efforts, focus on Storey Ave in advance of winter season. Judy T will follow-up with Councilor McCauley. Group supported bringing this to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.
  
- "Safe Streets" -- Group discussed planning a proactive "tactical urbanism" project. Judy T proposed closing down a street in the South End. She will discuss further with neighbors. Sheila T and Juliet W proposed considering other locations for tactical urbanism measures with paint, cones, planters. Group will continue to think of potential locations. Group discussed assembling list of documents for resources on traffic calming ideas for reference by City groups and committees. Group discussed redrafting the letter we sent to the Mayor as a public document and posting on the NLS FB and web site.
  
- NLS to be co-sponsor with Storm Surge program on Green Infrastructure
  - Thursday 11/19/20 by Bob Uhlig
  
- Group talked about coordinating a public safety campaign in collaboration with Police Dept related to safe driving around bikes as well as "rules of the road".

**Next Meetings**

- October 13
- November 10