

**Newburyport Livable Streets
Meeting
October 13, 2020 – 7:00 to 8:45 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Attendees: Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Juliet Walker, Alden Clark

- Group discussed sending out follow-up “welcome” email to meeting registrants and attendees, Juliet committed to doing this
- Juliet mentioned possibility of incorporating Livable Streets as a 501-C-3 in order to raise money
- Review of NLS initiatives
 - Identifying locations for additional crosswalks and improving safety of existing crosswalks
 - NLS will reach out to Ward Councilors to offer our assistance with this issue
 - Rick to contact Ward 4,5,6 councilors, Juliet Ward 3, Alden Clark for Wards 1 & 2
 - Library/Harris St bike racks
 - Rick is working with staff on finalizing the bike rack location.
 - Bicycle Parking Needs Survey
 - Juliet mentioned she thinks there is interest in local businesses sponsoring bike racks and also bike maintenance stations. Juliet has potential contact at Riverside Cycle and will reach out.
 - Rick will contact Eric T (previous attendee) and work on identifying locations for bike corral (on-street bike racks)
 - Rick will continue to work on writing up the bike parking survey summary to post and share on the web page and social media. Sheila noted there was a lot of feedback from the school community (via the school email blast). Also lots of additional feedback shared on other biking needs (in addition to bike parking) -- including striping of the High Street bike lanes!!
 - Winter sidewalk clearing
 - Juliet proposed bringing this topic up with City Council’s Public Safety Committee to offer NLS as a resource.
 - “Safe Streets” — Designing streets and sidewalks in response to Covid
 - Juliet will work with Rick to convert the NLS letter previously emailed to the Mayor into public document and/or individual idea sheets; post on webpage and Facebook. Group discussed adding a poll / survey question to the monthly emails.
- Merrimac Street repaving and crosswalks will be on the City’s monthly TSAC meeting (Councilor Wallace is bringing forward). Group discussed concerns about construction accommodations for pedestrians during road projects. Councilor Wallace is working on this.

Next Meetings

- December 8
- January 5
- February 2

Coming Events

- Green Infrastructure presentation – Bob Uhlig – Thursday 11/19/20 (Storm Surge / NLS cosponsor)