

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

Attendees

Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Ben Iaconno, Alden Clark

Bicycle Parking Needs Survey – results and next steps

Rick T gave a presentation on the results of the bike parking survey. The presentation will be posted to the group's web page. Sheila and Rick are working on a summary report to submit to the Mayor and City Council.

Next step will be putting together a bike parking master plan, identifying locations to add bike parking in the City and prioritizing by location. Ben suggested the plan should also recommend bike rack styles and siting guidelines.

Green Infrastructure – Follow-up on 11/19 Storm Surge presentation by Bob Uhlig

Sheila presented a summary of the green infrastructure presentation that Bob Uhlig gave to the Storm Surge group. Focusing on ways that stormwater management and other green infrastructure could be integrated into City streets, reduce pavement, and combat climate change. The group discussed how these treatments would also have traffic calming and street beautification benefit. Livable Streets will be continuing to collaborate with Storm Surge to support effort to “green” our streets and members are invited to attend the next Storm Surge meeting on Jan 6, 2021. A video of the Storm Surge presentation is also available on the group's web site.

Market Basket bike parking pilot project

Rick discussed an effort by a bicycle advocate (Tim Blagden) who is affiliated with Bike Walk Alliance of NH to add pilot bike parking on a two-week pilot basis at Market Basket locations in NH and MA. Tim is seeking grant funding from NH Charitable Trust.

Rail trail bike-ped safety proposals

Sheila presented some suggestions for improving safety on the rail trail by delineating space for bicycles to travel facing pedestrians for better visibility and pedestrians to “walk on left”. This would be delineated with striping and signage based on examples from the Blackstone Valley. She has provided this information to the Parks Department and the Parks Commission is planning to discuss at their next meeting on December 17. It appears the Mayor and her staff are interested.

Other issues / concerns / ideas

The group discussed concerns about pedestrian safety at Low St / No. Atkinson and Colby Farm Lane near the new housing development.

Juliet W said she would follow up with the City staff to find out if they applied for funding through the state's MA Winter Shared Streets grant.

Rick will promote the Health Streets Survey again via social media. Only 5 responses received to date.

Next Meetings - January 5, February 2