

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
September 18, 2019
Summerville Town Hall, Training Room 9:00 a.m..

Attendees:

Members: John Pardee , Rick Reiff, Phyllis Thornwaite, Kelley Johnson, Sarah Bares, John Mott

Visitors: Tammie Taylor, Bill Ward, Erica Malachowski, Summerville Triatheletes Club, Mr. Crosby, Summerville resident, John Franko, Summerville resident

Call to Order: John Pardee called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Public Comment

Mr. Crosby addressed the committee regarding safety concerns while runners from the Fleet Feet running club run between downtown and the SMB trail. He asked that the committee encourage the creation of a running path alongside the road so that runners do not use the sidewalk. The committee agreed that there is a need for major improvements along East Richardson for access from downtown to the trail. John Frank added comments in support of such improvements and suggested we ask for funds and assistance from the Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Dorchester program. Erika Malachowski added that their group wants to be involved with improving access to running and cycling trails and making them safer. Their group has made it a priority to become involved after one of their members lost her life while cycling.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the July 2019 meeting were approved. Minutes from the August 2019 Bicycle workshop were approved.

III. New Business:

1. Discussion on the Bicycle Project Priority List. Rick will prepare the draft list in time for the next meeting. After finalizing, we will submit our list to the Planning Commission and to Town Council simultaneously.

2. The new Summerville Bike-Share project was discussed, with committee members outlining the pros and cons of such a program. We agreed to draft a letter from the committee to the Town, asking that the costs be evaluated in detail. The letter will indicate that we are supportive of the concept, but we have concerns regrading cost and more importantly, safety.

IV. Old Business: Further discussion of the BGM extension and its effects on the SMB trail. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM
Respectfully submitted by Kelley Johnson