

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held
Thursday September 8, 2016
Engineering Conference Room

Attendance:

Voting Members

John Vibert (Chair) – Present
Deanne Born – Absent
Neil Kelsey – Present
John LaForest-Roys – Excused
Andris Skulte – Present
C.J. Thomas - Present

Four voting members present. Quorum met.

Non-Voting Members

Matthew Blume (Town Liaison) – Present

The Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair, John Vibert, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Public Comment:

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting, and was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Review Sharrows and Bike Routes:
Installation of new bike sharrows and signage were discussed, including the potential for West District Road. It was noted that Engineering is working to obtain Strava's cyclist data from CTDOT. Although this data is not comprehensive enough to determine the actual number of cyclists utilizing our roadway and trail network, it will give a relative indication of the distribution on our network. This data can be used to help inform our decision making process.
2. Bicycle Survey:
The bicycle survey is complete and final details are being worked out regarding the data. The potential ability to flag multiple survey responses from the same user was discussed. Matt will look into the survey program to determine if this can be done. As this is a survey that we would like to periodically repeat, precluding people from submitting the survey more than once is not recommended.
3. Complete Streets:
A complete streets policy has been drafted for discussion. This draft policy needs to be vetted through town departments and commissions.

Old Business:

1. Bicycle Projects update:
Trail Fence: Farmington is working to replace trail fencing along the Farmington River Trail from Coppermine Road to Route 177. This project is expected to be completed in the coming months.

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail: The Town's contractor is continuing to work on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail project, which will extend our existing trail system from Red Oak Hill Road to Northwest Drive in Plainville.
2. Plainville Bicycle Study:
The Town of Farmington is working with the Town of Plainville on their Gap Closure Trail Study. The objective of this study is to determine a defined corridor to close the gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail south of Farmington.
3. Bicycle Friendly Signage:
The Town's Highway Department has installed bicycle Friendly signage.
4. Connectivity to the Trail:
Mapping was discussed that is being developed which will depict town-wide trails, recreational facilities, etc. This mapping will be posted to the Town's website. Improvements and the potential to widen existing roadside multi-use trails and sidewalks were discussed to improve connectivity to the trail network.

Next Meeting:

The Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on November 10, 2016.

A motion was made, and unanimously accepted to adjourn at 7:45pm.

cc: Bicycle Advisory Committee
Paula Ray, Town Clerk
Deb Bull,
Matthew Blume, Chief of Eng. Svcs.
Bill Warner, Town Planner

Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager
Russell Arnold, Director of Public Works and Dev. Svcs.
Paul Melanson, Chief of Police
Dawn Grayson, Transportation Coordinator, BOE