

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON**  
**Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2018**  
**Engineering Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

**Voting Members**

Deanne Born – Excused  
Ron Goralski – Present  
Neil Kelsey – Present  
John LaForest-Roys – Present  
Andris Skulte – Present  
C.J. Thomas - Present

**Non-Voting Members**

Bruce Cyr (Town Liaison) – Present

Bruce Cyr opened the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting at 6:42 pm.

**Election of Chairperson:**

With the recent appointment of (Thomas) to the Town Council, it was unanimous that CJ Thomas be installed as the new Chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made (Kelsey) and seconded (Goralski) to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting, and was unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

1. Bicycle Projects update:
  - Trail Fence: Town is reviewing the condition of the Farmington River Trail fencing from River Road to Route 4 and repairing/replacing fence as required.
  - Farmington Canal Heritage Trail: The bridge over Route 6 has been installed. It is anticipated the Bridge and trail construction should be completed by the end of April 2018.
2. The Committee discussed potential plans for trail destination signage identifying street crossings and directing users to landmarks and possibly business's. Signage cost will need to be researched and signs may need approval by the Town Plan & Zoning Commission. Will need to review the need for a policy/ordinance as to how the signs will be funded and approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Review Sharrows and Bike Routes:  
It was discussed the Town reviewed the use of the existing Sharrows and the potential to add additional locations. At this time they feel there are no other opportunities.
2. Complete Streets:  
A complete streets policy has been drafted for discussion. This draft policy needs to be vetted through Town Departments and Commissions.

3. Plainville Bicycle Study:  
It was reported the plan may be in jeopardy. There was some opposition to the proposed southerly expansion.

**Other Business:**

1. Ron Goralski requested we look into adding a 4th Grade Bicycle Safety Curriculum to the School. He stated the Town of South Windsor has a program that works very well. The program would need to be presented and approved by the Board of Education. Bruce Cyr will discuss with the School Superintendent.
2. The Committee requested the Town look into adding bicycle racks at municipal locations such as the Parks and Recreation Office on Depot Place and the Police Department.
3. The Committee would like to assist Farmington Business's in Town obtaining the designated Bicycle Friendly Business status from the League of American Bicyclists. The Committee will discuss ways to contact Business's to get the word out.

**Next Meeting:**

The Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on March 8, 2018.

A motion was made, and unanimously accepted to adjourn at 8:05pm.

cc: Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk  
Deb Bull,  
Bruce Cyr, Development/Zoning  
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