

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held
Thursday April 9, 2015
Engineering Division Conference Room

Attendance:

Voting Members

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

Five 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 6:30 pm.

Public Comment:

Mr. Vibert noted that there was no public comment.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

New Business:

1. Adorno Ride Update
The Adorno Ride is taking place May 2nd and will be based out of Winding Trails. There will be 50 and 25 mile bike rides as well as a 5k event through Winding Trails. Bicycle Friendly Farmington is investing a significant amount of effort and time to assist in the planning phase for this event.

Old Business:

1. Bicycle Friendly Business Designation
Encouraging local businesses to become recognized as bicycle friendly was discussed. Potential coordination with the Town's economic development coordinator and research of Town building records was discussed. An effort will be made to contact known bicycle friendly businesses to discuss the application process.
2. Bike Month 2015 – Discussions and Event Planning
It was reported that due to the significant effort needed to coordinate the Adorno ride, bike month events will be limited. BFF is working to promote bike to work/bike to school day, and will be involved in the Memorial Day parades. Matt will inquire with the police department to see what, if any, educational programs they may be hosting.

3. Complete Streets and newly adopted state policy.

The state's new complete streets policy was reviewed and discussed, as was alternatives for Farmington to adopt such a policy. It was noted that when the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development is updated, complete street language should be incorporated. In the interim, we should discuss a policy to be incorporated into the town's subdivision and/or zoning regulations. Matt will coordinate with the Town Planner to determine the steps required to modify the current regulations to incorporate complete streets initiatives.

4. Review Sharrows and Bike Routes

Matt noted that over the winter, the Town's Bicycle Advisory Committee approved bike route signage for Middle Road and River Road. Now that the snow has melted, Matt will coordinate with the Town's highway department to have several signs installed along these routes. The potential to install Bicycle Friendly signage was discussed for Route 4, specifically in the area of the welcome to Farmington sign. A request was made to purchase additional signage for the bike trail.

A motion was made, and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting.

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