

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held
Thursday June 9, 2016
Engineering Conference Room

Attendance:

Voting Members

John Vibert (Chair) – Present
Deanne Born – Absent
Neil Kelsey – Absent
John LaForest-Roys – Present
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 6:30 pm.

Public Comment:

Ron Goralski, Chair of Bicycle Friendly Farmington, reported that approximately 100 students and parents took part in Union School's Bike to School day event that took place on May 27th. Participants met at the trailhead for the Farmington River Trail, and primarily rode the trail to Union School. The Police Department's bicycle officers assisted with this event. The event was an overwhelming success, and plans are in the works to expand bike to school day events to other Farmington schools next year. Ron is considering doing a write-up about the event. Ron also reported that Bicycle Friendly Farmington is in need of approximately 4 more active members.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting, and was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Finalize Survey for Issuance:

The status of the survey was discussed, and a copy will be distributed to members for their final review. Farmington's draft bicycle survey was compared to others recently developed within the state, and it was found to be consistent. Survey data can be reviewed monthly, and should be advertised via a press release, BFF members, everbridge notification, etc. It was noted that the Town's annual trail meeting will be held in the fall, and survey results to that point can be discussed.

2. Plainville Bicycle Study:

The Town of Farmington has become involved in Plainville's study to facilitate the connection of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail through Plainville. There will be opportunities for advocate input and the committee is encouraged to assist, if possible.

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. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in August

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail: Farmington is working with a contractor to begin work on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail from Red Oak Hill Road to Northwest Drive in Plainville.
2. Bicycle Friendly Signage:
The Town's Highway Department is installing bicycle Friendly signage, and should be complete shortly.
3. Review Sharrows and Bike Routes:
The Town is continuing to work with New Britain to determine if a suitable route exists to connect New Britain to the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.

It was noted that River Road and South Road should be reviewed to determine if Sharrows would be appropriate for installation there.
4. Complete Streets:
Bill Warner, Farmington's Town Planner, has drafted a complete streets policy, which will be provided for review.
5. Connectivity to the Trail: Mapping was discussed that is being developed which will depict trails, recreational facilities, etc. This mapping will be posted to the Town's website. Signage was also discussed to connect the trail to the High School, Garden Street area, Unionville Center, Tunxis Mead Park, and various other destinations in Town.

Next Meeting:

The Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on August 11, 2016.

A motion was made, and unanimously accepted to adjourn at 8:21 pm.

cc:	Bicycle Advisory Committee	Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager
	Paula Ray, Town Clerk	Russell Arnold, Director of Public Works and Dev. Svcs.
	Deb Bull,	Paul Melanson, Chief of Police
	Matthew Blume, Chief of Eng. Svcs.	Dawn Grayson, Transportation Coordinator, BOE
	Bill Warner, Town Planner	