

South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

SW Parks & Recreation Department

Attendees: Ginny Hole, Roy Normen, Bob Dickinson, Skip Burke, Christine Kiely

Absent: Molly Keays, Steve Wagner, Ken Sek, Peter Mainelli, Jeff Harner, George Caye, John Caldwell, and Kim Nowell

- Call to order at 7:03 pm

New Business:

- **Fall & Winter Park & Recreation Winter Events** [September through March]
 - Ginny received email from Jennifer Filer – due date for SWW&WW events is Wednesday, June 9th.
 - Suggested events:
 - Moonlight Walks – Saturday, Nov. 5th; Friday, Jan. 6th and Saturday, March 4th
 - East Coast Greenway Bike Ride - Saturday, October 1, 2022
 - Rye Street Park Hike – Wednesday, October 26, 2022
 - Adult Morning Bike Rides – Wednesdays Sept. 21st & 28th Oct. 12th & 19th
 - SW Farmers Market booth – Saturday, Sept. 17th

Old Business:

- Crosstown Trail
 - Molly was not present to provide an update
- Bissell Trail Greenway signs
 - John / Molly were not present to provide an update
- Bike Rack Inventory
 - Scheduled for Wednesday, July 6th at 10:00 am
 - Pending from John a complete list of all bike rack locations. Also pending to see if QR codes will be option for the bike racks.
 - Email Ginny if you are available to help
- SWW&WW Master Plan
 - A meeting will be scheduled later in June to review the appendix
- Teen Center bike ride
 - Christine sent emails and left voice messages – status is unknown
 - Senior Center – a Basic Bicycle Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12th 10:00 – 1:00 pm.
- SWW&WW calendar events
 - Calendar will be updated with the Fall/Winter events and the senior center workshop.
 - An updated calendar will be sent later in the month
- Organizational Structure – *Rules for Transactions of Business*
 - Reviewed each article and several changes were made
 - Ginny and Christine will work on a 2nd draft to incorporate all the changes

- Review Special Subcommittee Groups
 - 4th grade bike safety classes - Eli Terry School held on May 23rd through May 26th
A huge success, 3 days, fantastic weather, and 10 volunteers
 - Fall 4th grade bike safety classes – Save the Dates week of Monday, September 12th and Monday, October 3rd . . . more to come!

Other Business:

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, June 5th **Connecticut Trails Day, Nevers Park.**
 - Event runs from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - 1st part a guided walk on the trails
 - 2nd part is a bike demo using the bike maintenance stand
- Starting Thursday, June 9th – **Casual Bike Rides** at CT Valley Brewing Company. Meet at 5:45pm and roll at 6:00pm
- Saturday, June 11th – **Women's Bike Skills 102 Workshop and Ride**
 - 2nd class / 6 individuals have signed up / meeting at Wapping School on Ayers Rd

Announcements:

Miscellaneous:

- Why Build Multi-Use Greenways? Implications for Connecticut and Beyond - Tuesday, May 31st]
 - Presented by R. Bruce Donald – East Coast Greenway Alliance
 - The East Coast Greenway – is an Urban Appalachian Trail of 3,000 miles connecting 15 states
 - CT DOT – now views mobility in terms of people and not just the unrestricted movement of vehicles
 - Benefits include: health, connectivity, tourism, increase property values, environmental and economic impact, and return of investment [1:1]
 - Pending a 10 to 12 minute video from Bruce to present to SW Town Council and SW Economic Development Commission
 - View these websites for more information: Greenway.org / map.greenway.org.
- League of American Bicyclists' – *Community Spark Grants* – grant applications are Open now through July 15, 2022.
 - Skip will review to determine if we would be able to qualify
 - The League will award 10 grants of up to \$1,500 to organizations seeking to improve their communities through biking.
- Capital Region Council of Governments [CROG] – issued their last Recommendation and Implementation Strategy. See the link below for this report
<https://metrohartfordrapidroutes.com/>

- CTBPAB (CT Bike-Pedestrian Advisory Board)
 - May 27th draft minutes discussed the following issue:
 - OSTA - Rather than setting criteria or thresholds that would require bike ped consideration, the **default should be that bikes and peds are expected at every development, and a developer should need to prove why they should not be expected and planned for.** More to come. . .

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 6th, 2022; at 7:00 pm

SW Parks & Recreation Building, 91 Ayers Road