

## South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

### SW Parks & Recreation Department

**Attendees:** Ginny Hole, Roy Normen, George Caye, Skip Burke, Christine Kiely, Jeff Harner, Ken Sek, Kim Nowell and Bob Dickinson (through Facetime)

**Absent:** Molly Keays, John Caldwell, and Peter Mainelli

- Call to order at 7:04 pm
- Approved May and June 2022 Minutes

#### New Business:

- **Fall & Winter Park & Recreation Winter Events** [September through March]
  - Changed September 17<sup>th</sup> event from SW Farmers Market booth to Trailblazer Poker Ryed.
- **Budget** - Discussed items for next fiscal year; will be working on a 5 year plan to earmark for future funding to repair and replace bikes for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade bike safety program.

#### Old Business:

- **Crosstown Trail**
  - Molly was not present to provide an update.
    - Molly has a meeting scheduled with Eversource and Kevin Grindle (Anchor) on Tuesday July, 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Priest Farm on Sullivan Ave.
    - Discussed questions to ask concerning the Crosstown Trail.
    - Ginny, Christine and Steve will be present for a portion of the walk.
- **Bissell Trail Greenway signs**
  - John / Molly were not present to provide an update.
    - Received email after meeting from manager of Park & Rec *"there has been a delay in the material for the green ways signs, they are a few weeks out."*
- **Bike Rack Inventory**
  - The July 6<sup>th</sup> bike rack inventory was cancelled pending a complete list of all bike racks in town. QR codes will be an option. Another date will be scheduled.
- **SWW&WW Master Plan**
  - A meeting will be scheduled to review the appendix.
- **SWW&WW calendar events**
  - Calendar has been updated with the Fall/Winter events, the senior center workshop, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade bike safety program dates.

- **June Events Overview**
  - **CT Trails Days celebration** was held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Nevers Park. The events consisted of a walk on the trails followed by a bike maintenance demo. A very small group attended. Discussed if we will continue to support this event next year.
  - **Women's Bike Skills 102 Workshop Ride**
    - The workshop was well attended.
    - One suggestion was to reduce duplication of information in each of the Women's programs the next time these classes are held.
  - **Thursday evenings bike rides** – CT Valley Brewing Company
    - The rides have been well attended. All new email address will be sent to Ginny to include on our distribution list.
- **Organizational Structure**
  - Ginny and Christine have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the *Rules for Transactions of Business*.
  - Ginny indicated that *Bike Walk CT* provided a list of *Connecticut Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Groups* with their July Newsletter [see link below]:
    - <https://www.bikewalkct.org/connecticut-bicyclepedestrian-groups.html>
      - Ginny is reviewing the groups to review bylaws and Master Plans, more to come.
    - Further revisions/suggestions to the *Rules for Transactions of Business* will be at our September meeting.
- **Review Special Subcommittee Groups**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bike Safety Program** – update see calendar
    - September 12<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup> will be held at Philip R Smith School.
    - October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup> will be held at Orchard Hill School.
  - **Outreach Program** – new members
    - CT Valley Brewing Company is planning a *Local Involvement Fair*. This is an opportunity for local clubs and organizations to set up tables to reach potential new members. The tentative dates are August 27<sup>th</sup> and/or 28<sup>th</sup>; between 10:00am- 2:00 pm.

## Other Business:

### Upcoming Events

- Thursdays, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> - **Casual Bike Rides** at CT Valley Brewing Company. Meet at 5:45pm and roll at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – **Bicycle Basics** at Senior Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – **Sunset Walk** at Nevers Park. Meet at 7:45 pm, walk begins at 8:00 pm.
- Thursdays, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – **Casual Bike Rides** at CT Valley Brewing Company. Meet at 5:45pm and roll at 6:00pm
- Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – **Casual Bike Rides** at CT Valley Brewing Company. Meet at 5:45pm and roll at 6:00pm.
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – **Trailblazer Poker Ryed** – Rye Street Park
- Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – **Adult Moring Bike Ride** – 10:00 start (10-15 miles)

## Announcements:

- **DominGO! Hartford**
  - 2 to 4 miles of Hartford's city streets will be car-free public spaces during the summer see the link for listing of streets - <https://www.domingohartford.com/>
- **Discover Olmsted's Connecticut Bicycle Tour 2022** – registration is now open for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2022
  - Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth.
  - Routes are 10, 25 and 50 miles
  - Starting and ending at the New Britain Museum of American Art, Walnut Hill Park in New Britain. 8:00am – 3:00pm to register see link <https://www.bikewalkct.org/discover-olmsteds-ct-bicycle-tour.html>
- RIM [Rotary In Motion] Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Bike Ride in Manchester. Stay tuned. . .

## Miscellaneous:

- Parks & Recreation Commission next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Town Hall. Skip, Ginny and Christine are planning to attend. **Update July meeting cancelled.**
- Bike Walk CT July Newsletter – highlighted South Windsor who piloted the 4<sup>th</sup> grade bike safety program. CROG educators are now able to learn how to teach the basics of riding a bicycle safely and confidently to elementary grade students.

**Adjournment: 8:58 pm**

## Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, September 7th, 2022; at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August)**  
SW Parks & Recreation Building, 91 Ayers Road