



**Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Planning Group
Meeting Minutes
11/19/19**

ATTENDEES:

Ron Bingham, Goodale's Bike Shop Chris Buchanan, Town of Amherst Julie Chizmas, City of Nashua Nelson Disco, Town of Merrimack Judy Shenk, Town of Amherst Chris Shenk, Town of Amherst Ed Van der Veen, Town of Hudson	Bill Fisk, Town of Litchfield Garabed Minasian, Freewheel Cycles Paula Bedard, Board President of Bike-Alliance Matt Waitkins, NRPC Sabrina Pedersen, NRPC Ryan Friedman, NRPC
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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Waitkins called the meeting to order at 1:00pm with a round of introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15TH, 2019 MEETING

Waitkins referred to the minutes of October 15th, 2019 included in the agenda packet as Attachment 1. He asked if there were any corrections. Pedersen noted a mistake in the start time of the meeting.

Chizmas motioned with a second from Shenk to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019. All were in favor.

BIKE FRIENDLY DRIVER CLASS

Bedard presented about the Bike Friendly Driver class that focuses on educating drivers about how to drive with bicyclists on the road. They are targeting professional driving organizations since they are vastly interested in this class. Fort Collins did an excellent program for this class. She is hoping to work with NHDOT to get something happen too.

Minasian asked about where the location of the bicyclists. Fisk said you need to be far enough back to be visible.

Infrastructure was discussed.

Bedard opened up for questions.

Fisk - \$100 fine, lose insurance, Massachusetts

Bedard asked if the committee could help with outreach to groups that fit the description for the class.

Disco – renew of driver's license, no exam, not latest laws, this would be an opportunity to have people take some exam or brochure for driver's license, every five years

Buchanan – agreed with renewal of licenses with education, driver's education program would be good, another would be CDL license maintenance, insurance agencies could incorporate as an emergency risk

program. He recommended Primex to reach out to. Waitkins said that NRPC's insurance is Primex for traffic counting.

Disco mentioned the AARP as an option. Bedard said she is still searching for the right person.

Chizmas – first transit first student would be a wide reach

Fisk – mention the cameras/helmet cameras for higher protection

Bike-walk alliance – Motherload, in January, independent documentary, sponsored video event

Shenk – large section on traffic, editorial about bicycles and pedestrians, recommended others to read it in the Globe

REGIONAL DESIGN GUIDELINES

Waitkins and Buchanan provided an update about the design guidelines plan. Buchanan described how the plan will acquaint for every rider and advocates for the most cost-effective mode while presenting about the categories of design guidelines. Discussion continued about removing the center lines of streets with less than 6,000 cars riding on them per day. Waitkins concluded that the design guideline subcommittee will include urban roads in the multimodal plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sabrina explained that she is working on updating the NRPC Bike-ped web page. As part of that it would be good to update the CSAC mission statement. There was discussion but nothing was decided.

STAFF UPDATES

Waitkins

Regional projects

Statewide level of traffic stress

Statewide bike plan

Regional counting program

OTHER BUSINESS

none

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held December 17th, 2019.

ADJOURN

Waitkins motioned to adjourn with a second from Buchanan. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 2:30pm.