

Bike & Trails Committee Meeting  
**November 20, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**  
Community Center Meeting Room  
8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT

**MINUTES**

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BIKE & TRAILS COMMITTEE

Present- Brid Craddock, Ken Kerin, Brad Accettella, Greg Rintzinger, Georgie Elkins, Chaz Foster, Gavin Arneth

Also Present- Mark Lurie- Con. Com., Paula Burton- WestCOG

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:03

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from 9/18 meeting. Motion Gavin Arneth, second Ken Kerin. **Passed**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Trail regulations- Paula and Brid are going to review standards that others are using sometime this winter.
- Winter Seminar
- Report on special event held in October Moonlight Walk at Fairfield Hills

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Brainstorm ideas for a potential Sustainable CT Grant

Ken and Greg will look into the grant details to see if it would be able to help fund the creation of a bike park.

- Brid is going to request time to present at a Fairfield Hills Authority meeting to request bike and trail improvements, trail counters and trail census on Fairfield Hills Campus.

Brid and other committee members are going to reach out to the Fairfield Hills Authority and attend one of their meetings so that the Authority and Committee can coordinate on trail and bike issues at Fairfield Hills. There are a number of improvement ideas that we would like to discuss with them including:

- Managing pedestrian/bike and motor vehicle conflicts on Keating Farms Ave. Ideas include installing a dead-end sign to reduce traffic to cul-de-sac and closing the road between the parking lot and the cul-de-sac with a gate that would allow vehicle access for special use only. Allowing for non-motorized (bike) use and pedestrian use.
- Designating a new horse trailers parking area behind Kent Hall.
- Establishing a kid's bike loop near the Community Center for the Bike Share program.
- Installation of trail counters to measure trail use at FFH.
- Designating FFH as the official trailhead of Al's Trail.

- Road bike safety program through Watch for Me CT

Free bike safety program. Officer training once a year at their location. They are working on developing local town trainings. We can use any information on their website is available to be republished. Do they have continuing ed. credits for police officers? Not yet, but they are working on it.

- Walk Friendly Communities Applications due December 15. <http://walkfriendly.org/>

The town already meets most of the requirements for the designation. Brid with check with the town to see if they are willing to sign the application.

#### REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

- Grants

The NPS grant award has been verbally confirmed, but the official award letter has not arrived yet. Until the award is approved by the Board of Selectman, we are holding off on publicizing it.

- Mapping, Marking & Approvals

There is no trail marking at FFH. The Authority is very conservative about signs. The committee wants to look at various digital map services that will allow users to access online maps using a QR code. Geordie will talk to Mark about Google Map and others that may be easy to access.

The town has a new GIS person. We will connect with them to find out about sharing existing trail files, coordinating metadata fields associated with the files, and borrowing GPS units for marking new trails.

- Volunteers

The Methodist Church is in favor of re-establishing Al's Trail on its property. Brid will connect with them to see about organizing a workday in the spring.

Volunteer sign up form is available on the town website <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/bike-trails-committee>

List of attendees to our special events and persons who have volunteered or are willing to volunteer are to be found on [WORKPLACE.FACEBOOK.COM](https://www.facebook.com/workplace.facebook.com)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT 8:56. Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Foster and seconded by Ken Kerin.  
**Passed.**

Geordie Elkins, Secretary