

Hamilton Pedestrian Safety Committee
Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 4:15p.m.
Village Library

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Chair Jennifer Brice; Members: Dan Rains, Carol Bergen, and Susan Marafino; Trustee Sam Cooper; Mayor Margaret Miller; Police Chief Rick Gifford.

Public Present: Susan Barrett

Call to Order: Chairman Brice called the meeting to order at 4:20pm.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as written.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 16, 2011: Member Marafino asked for minor changes in the 5-Way Intersection paragraph. A **motion** was made by Member Marafino to approve the **September 20, 2011**, minutes as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Member Bergen and carried.

5-Way Intersection: Member Marafino updated the Committee on the latest task force meeting. Greg Owens has recommended two trees on Lebanon Street be replaced and to remove a portion of the grates from the remaining trees. The task force revisited Lebanon Street. There was a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees.. Concepts to be explored are stamped concrete sidewalks, not narrowing the street, plantings, lighting, portable benches, and implementing a 4-way stop at the Lebanon/Maple/Eaton St intersection. Eliminating the shuttle stop at the intersection was also agreed upon by the Pedestrian Safety Committee as a must.

Bicycle Racks: Trustee Cooper reported the bike rack at the north end of the Village Green is not being used as hoped. An alternative site is by Swank. This location may inhibit pedestrians from crossing diagonally through the intersection. Ownership of the sidewalk is still unanswered.

The Committee reviewed the information from a past meeting regarding the Green Bikes Program.

Sidewalk Initiative: Trustee Cooper reported all the funds have been used. Two curb cuts on Maple Ave have not been completed due to lack of funds. The Committee questioned whether the curb cut requested at the south end of the Village Green would be done this year. The progress of the sidewalk at the laundromat has adjourned to November 28, 2011.

Safe Routes to School Grant: Trustee Cooper stated the larger grant will come out in January. All agreed that the Lebanon Street project needs to be addressed before any grant money is used to install sidewalks.

Bike Trails/Routes Safety: Julie Dudrick and Keith Watkins will continue their work on this initiative. When discussing children on sidewalks, Chief Gifford stated that according to NYS Vehicle and Traffic Laws an adult bicyclist must obey the same rules and regulations as a motor vehicle, but all agreed that this might not apply to small children. Educating bicyclists through an interactive website that the Upstate Institute might develop was discussed.

Member Bergen asked about the county walkability study. She was given the web address of www.healthymadisoncounty.org.

Next meeting will be **November 15, 2011, at 4:15pm**, at the Library. Agenda item: New Chairman, Chair Brice will be in London for a semester.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Member Marafino made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Member Rains and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.
Submitted by,

Kim Taranto