



**South Hadley, MA**  
**Bike-Walk Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 15, 2018; 7:00 PM**  
**South Hadley Public Library-Trustees Room**

**BWC Attendees:** Mariann Millard (chair), Melissa O'Brien, Larry Dubois, Lucia Foley, Margaret Jodoin, Huguetta Supinski, Nancy Bozek

**Absent:** Marilyn Gass

**Guest(s):** Doris Dubois

Meeting commenced at 7:05PM.

Minutes were amended to read that an additional bike rack be installed closer to the Community Garden. Minutes were approved as amended.

**Election of Officers:** Mariann Millard was elected Chair, Melissa O'Brien, Vice Chair, Secretary will be members on a rotating basis

**Go4Life Stroll:** A cooperative effort between Bike/Walk Committee, So. Hadley Council on Aging (Leslie Hennessey and Nancy Yesu) and the Planning/Conservation Dept (Anne Capra) continues with planning. The public will use the small lot on site and Mount Holyoke College has graciously offered the use of the circular drive at their boat house. Jeff Millard will lead the parking on the circular drive and Melissa will guide vehicles with Handicap plates to the small parking lot. So. Hadley High School Culinary Program will provide some treats and Big Y has donated water bottles. Leo LaBonte and Dennis Swartwout will be available at two rest areas to provide information to walkers. We will provide a drop-off area for food contributions for Neighbors Helping Neighbors as well as a table for CoA, Conservation Commission, and BWC email distribution sign-up sheets. Police will send a patrol as available. We are requesting that there be no bikes, baby strollers are ok, and dogs are to be leashed. No rain date.

**Valley Bike Share:** BWC would like to help promote this program and to be informed of any problems the public is experiencing with access and use of the bikes. Mariann Millard will collate and pass on any reports to Mike Sullivan, TA. He has been informed that BWC is happy to promote and help launch this program as a partner; there are tentative plans by the Town to hold a joint event with MHC in the Fall sometime.

**BWC Treks, Trails, Publicity:** There were four bidders present at the pre-bid meetings for trail construction at Leaping Well Nature Trail. Hopefully a company will soon be chosen and the trail opened to the public.

October 21 at 1PM: Black Stevens Trek to provide an in-depth excursion on all marked trails.

Sidewalk Scenic Trails program will be capped at three miles. We will continue to plan more trails, including working on a suggested path to extend the Leaping Well Nature Trail adventure.

Once a month a short BWC article is planned to be submitted to the Town Reminder on a topic concerning Biking or Walking of any sort. An email blast will be put out intending to promote Biking and Walking.

Larry spoke to Nick Young about creating an email list of people who are willing to volunteer for one activity, which is town-related.

Larry proposed creating a Google Account to organize. Lucia suggested an app with a set up system for organization. More discussion to follow at future meetings.

Next meeting will be Sept 19; Hugette will clerk. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Bozek