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Bike/Walk Committee Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6pm

Via Zoom and in-person at South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street

Roll Call

Andy Rogers, Human Services Director; Ruth Camuse, Chair; Anne Barry, Vice-Chair; Sandy Diamond, Larry Dubois, Lucia Foley, Jake Woodruff, Riley Kranz, Rebecca Whitehouse

Absent: Jim Buckley

Additional attendees: Rene Grosser, Mike Fontaine

Approval of Minutes from:

Riley made a motion to accept as amended, seconded by Lucia and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

RIDES/TREKS

18 October 2025 – Trek - Lithia Springs Reservoir

Jim and Ruth lead, total of 14 people. Beautiful day. Parking worked out okay. Walked all the way around the reservoir

16 November 2025 – Trek – Upper River to Range

Move to 11 AM. Weather may be a factor – potentially rain.

07 February 2026 – Proposed Trek – Ledges Golf Course

Lucia/Ruth to lead – Sandy/Rebecca to help plan. Historically snow makes this trek more interesting and beautiful. Plan a week out to check conditions. How far back can the trek safely go?

Yak traks/Crampons/Snow shoes/ Cross country skies? Occasionally people will bring these but not required.

Send notes to Town Reminder prior to January 27.

May 15, 2026 – Proposed Ride - Friday (Proposed bike event date, between Mother's Day and Memorial Da

Sandy thought about and reviewed. Bike to work likely may not work best here – bike to school may still be applicable. Need to include police presence? It would be good to have the bike rally the day before the bike to school so kids can learn/know about and sign up. Historically more bikers on half-day?

May 16, 2026 – Proposed Ride - Saturday - Get Ready to Ride event

Anne had reached out to mobile bike maintenance shop – unfortunately cannot attend. Can we have Valley Bike in attendance? There is a small budget available to purchase items if desired.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH PROGRAM

Rene wrote a quick introduction to the map and its purpose (see agenda). Additional PR needed for ‘how to use’, links from main Bike Walk webpage. Benches on public land – any gaps? Ruth still collecting Buttery Brook benches.

South Hadley 5k

Do not want to overlap with youth running program. Routes available on website. River to Range, Black Stevens, Leaping Well, MHC – Upper and Lower lake, Buttery Brook.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Trek—Joint Bike/Walk and Tree Committee event (possibly for Spring 2026?)

Mike Fontaine from Tree Committee – discusses historic trees, where they are and what a tree walk may look like. What is interesting and what. Potential routes? Map and summary? Arbor day 2026 as a focus?

NEXT BIKE/WALK COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm

Hybrid meeting: In-person at the Senior Center Meeting Room or Via Zoom

A motion to adjourn was approved by all at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Riley Kranz, Member

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Master Plan Tasks

Actions for which Bike/Walk is the primary entity are:

- G1-1: Development of brochures/trail maps, support for wayfinding (ST)
- G1-2: Encourage families/school children to use/enjoy outdoor resources (I)
- G2-1: Create master map for locating outdoor community seating/gathering areas (ST)
- G3-2: Develop commemorative bench program (ST)

Related action for Trek/Ride planning:

- G1-14: Develop historic walks around town (ST)
(Primary Entity-Historic Commission; Sub-Entities-Disabilities Commission, Bike/Walk)