

# South Hadley Bike-Walk Committee

## Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021

### Virtual Meeting

*Presented by Recreation Director Andrew Rogers*

**Roll Call:** Committee members: Larry Dubois, Lucia Foley, Marilyn Gass. Recreation Director Andy Rogers and Conservation Director Anne Capra. Chris Bassett excused.  
Meeting began at 7:05pm.

Conservation Director Anne Capra joined the group to discuss the relationship between the Conservation Department and the Bike-Walk Committee. Anne listed some recent accomplishments:

- An ADA grant for improvements at the new COA for senior friendly exercise stations and a walking loop around the ball field for \$125,000.
- Applied for a Mass Trails Grant for improvements to trails in the southern part of town. This would include visibility at trailheads and kiosks at Leaping Well, Black Stevens, Bynon and the Hahn-Warner Arboretum

LD asked if anything could be done to make the pond at Black Stevens ADA accessible. AC said she would investigate it to see if its feasible. The group also mentioned the desired fitness loop at Buttery Brook Park, that would be ADA accessible. AC suggested a PARC grant; however, that would require town funds for the match.

MG suggested what we could do with the private sector, and what funds they could provide to underwrite some activities. AC said it doesn't hurt to ask! AR said funding is difficult, he hasn't had tons of success outside a few specific events.

LF mentioned that she would like to get physical street addresses for mapping. AC said its often a challenge, especially for a place like Bynon where the trailhead is actually on someone's private property. LD said that he has tried to update the Google addresses and/or GPS for having more accurate information for people. AC is going to get the coordinates, so LD can update them.

MG asked what Town Meeting members can do to help? AC said to be vocal, to support projects when they come up and to ask questions.

LF asked what the B/W Committee can do to help. AC said to be champions for our parks and facilities, to run treks and to provide information to the community.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7pm (virtually). Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.