

South Hadley Bike-Walk Committee
Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Presented by Recreation Director Andrew Rogers

Roll Call: Committee members: Larry Dubois, Lucia Foley, Marilyn Gass, Natasha Anderson, Steven Lachowetz, Ruth Camuse and Recreation Director Andy Rogers. Excused: Chris Bassett and Pamela Peck. Guest: Shannon Bliven, Valley Bike.

Meeting began at 8:05pm.

The members introduced themselves as we had three new members at this meeting. AR noted that Chris Bassett will be taking leave from the committee. Pamela Peck was also appointed to the COA committee and is going to see how that one goes before she commits to the Bike Walk Committee. The committee agreed to keep meeting before the formally organize with positions.

Shannon Bliven from Valley Bike shared all that they do and had a Q/A period about their programming. Of note, is the ability for people to be able to bike to Big Y to do their grocery shopping. Being private property, that has been a challenge for them but is something they have been working on.

Having a trek at the new COA this October was decided on. MG was going to reach out to Leslie Hennessey from the COA to see if October 17 or 24 would work, as we would do a walk, display the new fitness equipment and maybe do a tour of the facility. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

AR showed the proposed path that Andrew Neil put together and said if interested, the committee could apply for a Mass Trails grant.

It was decided to have the meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm.