



## MINUTES

Dec. 9, 2024

- I. Mark reported the Town has approved the work performed so far by NEMBA on the mountain bike trails alongside the Smith School path. The next step will be to paint blazes to replace the temporary markers.
- II. Five seventh-grade boys of the local FIRST LEGO team RoboRaiders gave a presentation of their project regarding problems facing ocean researchers. They have created a web site at <https://bit.ly/4fCdkFD?=&gr> . The QR code for their site will be posted on the kiosk at the Smith School trail. The games they have created will lead to 3 geocaches hidden along the mountain bike trails. This group is also suggesting names for the trails.
- III. Scout Matthew Norman is progressing on construction of a kiosk for the mountain bike trails, toward which BWG has donated \$200.
- IV. The revised BWG pamphlet was circulated in draft form. Rich will obtain updated printing prices and submit to the board.
- V. Jeff reported on the October Bike Advisory Group meeting.
  - Town Engineer Dan Pennington is looking for input on traffic-calming measures to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety with the remaining designated funds in the current budget.
  - Jason Stankowski of Youth & Family Services has received a grant for helmets, locks and repair kits for children from Welles Village and will present a workshop to instruct in their use.

- The BAG recommended Chris, Mark and Deb work with state-wide partners regarding safety concerns of the use of motorized bicycles and other single-rider vehicles and also inform the Town Manager and Town Council the issues are being addressed. Chris has connected with the CT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, which is working to recommend state-wide approaches to these issues. (Robert Gursky offered his expertise in this area to BWG at tonight's meeting.).
- A group including Dan Sharp, Chris, Shawnee, Jeff and town staff will update the map of bicycle-friendly routes in town.

VI. The sidewalk on Main St./Route 17 between the Cider Mill and Chestnut Hill Rd. Is due to go out to bid this winter. The Town Council will discuss adding a section on Chestnut Hill Rd. tomorrow.

VII. The Treasurer's report had been previously submitted to the board. Dan reported \$1100 had been donated by 8 individuals so far. The group agreed to resend the email appeal and that Allen will work with the Citizen to place an article about our group requesting donations.