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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting minutes

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM on Wednesday February 7, 2018

210 Main St., 2nd Floor City Hall, Planning & Sustainability, Northampton (use back door)

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Chan (DPW)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael DiPasquale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Feiden (Plan)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Gaustad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Lowenthal	
David Paine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Ella Tarbutton		Ruthy Woodring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Public Comment—
 - A. Eric Boudrea, FNTG and Kris Badertscher joined the meeting but had no comments
 - B. Karen Nelson presented a petition supporting an access ramp from Florence Street to the MassCentral Rail Trail in Leeds. Heidi Stevens reported that the Leeds Civic Association voted unanimously to support the project. Kurt Summer and a Berata Summer spoke in favor of the recommendation. They acknowledged that Warner Row was not a good option for an ADA accessible ramp.
2. Approve December 13, 2017 minutes—Upon motion by John Gaustad and second by David Paine, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes
3. Main Street complete streets transformation—Feiden reported that the city is ready to schedule a Cracker Barrel Alley meeting and go to bid on the Main Street redesign. The committee will have one more chance for pre-meeting input at their March meeting.
4. Update and discussions on current projects
 - A. Form Based Code (FBC)- Feiden reported that he city has hired Dodson and Flinker for FBC for downtown and Florence, with an extensive public process, to address public and private realms including pedestrian safety.
 - B. DPW projects and repaving and Alta sidewalk gap analysis—Chan reported that the sidewalk gap analysis has been completed and DPW is analyzing it to identify next steps.
 - C. Leonard Street design- Feiden reported that the design is nearing MassDOT approval and the city will be looking for future funding.
 - D. Moveable parklet—there was a brief discussion about whether the movable parklet should be used only for a public park or whether allowing a private restaurant to café to use it and create new life on the street was also appropriate. The committee discussed locating it downtown or on Main Street, Florence.
5. Bicycle and motorist education (James Lowenthal, Kris Badertscher, David Paine)—Paine reported that the working group will be meeting shortly to recommend next steps.
6. The committee set March 21, 2018 for their next meeting date.

