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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting

7:30 AM to 8:55 AM, Wednesday October 31, 2018

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

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Chan (DPW)	Michael DiPasquale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Feiden (Plan)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Boudreau	James Lowenthal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (7:45)
			Ruthy Woodring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other attendees: Jim Nash, Brett Constantine, Kris Badertscher

1. Public Comment- There was no public comment
2. August 29, 2018 minutes unanimously approved motion by Debin Bruce and second by Eric Boudreau.
3. Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog Greenway- The city received a Land and Water Conservation Fund and applied for CPA matching funds for this new hard surface trail. A public walk of the trail route will be offered on Saturday November 3, 2018 at noon. The committee discussed that, to minimize the trail conservation impacts it will only be 8' wide, but there was no consensus on whether needs one foot wide shoulders.
4. MassCentral Leeds extension- The paving portion of the project is complete and the project was below budget. The committee discussed the opportunity to use some of the remaining funds to install a viewing area by the Beaver Brook Bridge
5. Recreation Trails Grant rehabilitation grant- The City has received a contract (the grant was previously announced) for \$100,000 of root and bump repair. There was some discussion about city efforts to preserve as many of the trees as possible.
6. ValleyBike- 75,000 miles have been ridden on bike share in four months. Defective bicycles are no longer in bike racks. However, only about 50% of the bikes are out on the streets (the performance standard is 85%).
7. Main Street redesign- The city has not yet selected an engineer, but is moving closer to this.
8. Form based code- Public forums have now been held both downtown and in Florence, providing the information needed to move the project forward. The Mayor has announced his plan to use the work in Florence as the first step towards hiring an engineer to design streetscape improvements in Florence.
9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday Nov. 28 2018 at 7:30 AM.
10. The committee adjourned at 9:05 AM

