

St Johnsbury Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee Rolling Minutes

Date: 1/12/23

Time: 8:00-8:50am

Location: Town Offices

Members Present (Absent):

Joe Fox		John Raser	Chad Whitehead
Mary Burgeling	(Stephanie Churchill)	(Susan Cherry)	Guests: none

Purpose: Downtown Grant, Meeting schedule

Agenda Items / Goals:

Downtown Development Grant

- 200K matching, 20% town
- Town wants to invest in lighting for parking lots for retail/rail trail
 - Concern that we don't want
- Want to spend the rest of the money on sidewalks (\$100k?)
- Not enough money to do Eastern Ave

Group Agrees Eastern is a major priority for pedestrian safety

- How do we push this whole project forward?
- Need to start working on this if multiyear planning needed

Railroad/Portland/Maple is another good option that is high priority

- Currently #1 spot for vehicle vs ped/bike collisions
- Need curb and controlled entry/exit from gas station and Walgreens
- Replace light at crossing by Walgreens
- Improve drainage (current puddle/ice collection)
- Would help extend downtown feel to improve economic development along Railroad further North (Northern Forest housing investment noted, new PT business)

Lamoille Valley Bike Tours:

- How to promote St J as hub for shuttle trips? - respond to e-mail from LVBT
- Tie into safe parking - letter of support for grant

Meetings going forward:

- Group agrees to get back to monthly meetings
- 2/16 at 8am next meeting (default will be 3rd Thursdays for now)
- Need new members - town to post