



## NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

**Meeting Notes**  
**October 22, 2024 – 7:00 pm**  
**Senior Community Center**

- Attendees: Sheila Taintor, Chris Cunningham, Eric Tracey, Bonnie Sontag, Liz Fabel, Alden Clark, Juliet Walker, Judy Sharkey, Carolyn Layzer, Elizabeth Maldari, Eddie Rubin
- Approval of September Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2024-09-24 Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
  - Alden moved to approve; Sheila second; Approved
- Treasurer's Report -- [NLS Treas Rpt 10-22-24.pdf](#)
  - Alden presented
  - Appreciation to Eric for all of his grant raising efforts!
- Bike Share Update
  - Sheila shared that MVPC MPO Board has vote for approval of bike share fundraising scheduled on 10/30 12pm to 1pm
    - 21 day comment period, opportunity for public comment at public hearing at end of 21 day period
  - City Council Public Safety Meeting -- postponed bike share to next meeting in November
    - Side Note: In other business, crosswalk daylighting is being approved one crosswalk at a time
  - RFP is currently under review, will come to full group when draft is ready
  - \$2500 grant from Arakelian Family foundation
  - Juliet will reach out to Sue Blumensheid (contact at the General Charitable Society of Newburyport)
  - Rogers Family Foundation also has been applied for (notification in November)
  - Newburyport Bank -- not yet notified
  - People for Bikes -- did not invite us to submit an application (this year)
  - Riverwalk Brewing is a big fan! Might be interested in throwing a fundraiser.
  - Bonnie suggested reaching out to Mark Richey for funding
  - Eric Metzdorf from Metzy's submitted column to DN
  - Carol suggested thinking about other ways people to contribute to the bike share (signage, etc)
- Community Events Report Out
  - Bike Rodeo – Rescheduled to November 5, 11 to 2 at Nock Middle School

- Approx 50 kids registered
  - MassBike is running the rodeo
  - Volunteers – Alden, Elizabeth, Eric
  - Andi Egmont at Youth Services is handling registrations
- Moonlight Ride – Fri, October 18
  - Bonnie shared the new NLS banner, which is now available for other events
  - Big success – great weather!
    - Over 300 people signed up
    - At least 300 attended (more likely who didn't sign in)
    - Many riders who did not have lights! Next year we need to fix this. Maybe try to sell in advance.
    - Large group of riders which created some safety concerns. Crowd management.
    - Maybe cap the number and/or use a barrier.
    - Hand out lights or ask people to pay for them in advance.
    - Post-participant survey
    - Designate bicycle ambassadors
- Storey Ave Walk Audit Survey
  - Eric and Carol have created a survey for walkers along Storey Ave -- have been distributing posters with QR code, direct emails to people in the neighborhood, Kindercare and Newburyport Youth Soccer
- Crosswalk Inventory/Survey
  - Alden reported -- volunteers are doing these by Ward, nearly done gathering data, will have a meeting to review and then make a presentation back to the group
- Safe Streets Newburyport (follow-up to August and September discussions)
  - Juliet shared interest in planning a Safe Streets Campaign to follow-up with some of the concerns raised recently
  - Elizabeth shared some actions that MVPC is leading:
    - World Day of Remembrance for Victims of Traffic Violence
    - MVPC is about to release the regional Safety Action Plan with some facts to use
    - Potentially Nbpt could be a pilot for some of the safety recs coming out of the Plan?
- Other Business
  - Bonnie shared success with getting a mirror installed to help with visibility at the end of her street -- DPS was very responsive!

**Next Meeting** - Combine November and December meeting -- hold on December 10 (back up 12/17)