



# NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

**Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024 – 7:00 pm  
Senior Community Center**

[\[NLS Bylaws for reference\]](#)

- I. Call to Order – Rick called the meeting to order
- II. Introductions
  - A. Current Officers and Directors
  - B. Members and Visitors
- III. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2023 Annual Meeting [05-02-23 Annual Meeting Notes](#)
  - Sheila motion to approve, Bonnie second, approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report -- Alden presented the Treasurer's report
  - A. 2023 Treasurer's Report -- Jared motion to accept, Eric second, approved
  - B. 2024 Year to date -- Alden presented year to date financial statement
- V. President's Update -- Rick presented  
[President's report 2024 annual meeting](#)
- VI. Membership Update -- Juliet reported
  - A. Current member list reviewed [Current Members \(May 2024\)](#)
  - B. Addition of new members -- *Membership is open to any area residents who support the mission, aims and objectives of the corporation.*
- VII. Nomination and Election of New Directors  
*The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of nine and a minimum of three Directors elected by vote of the membership at an Annual Meeting.*
  - Current director list
  - Election of new directors (3 available spots)
    - Added Bonnie and Eric
    - Rick motion to accept, Alden second, approved
    - [NLS Board of Directors.docx](#)
- VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers
  - A. President -- Judy nominated Rick
  - B. Clerk-- Judy nominated Juliet
  - C. Treasurer -- Judy nominated Alden

D. Judy motion to approve officers, Bonnie second, approved

IX. 2024 Work Plan Discussion -- Juliet led a discussion on the 2024 Work Plan

A. [NLS 2024 Work Plan.docx](#)

B. Priority setting exercise

1. Move bike parking to lower priority (hold)
2. Discussed walk audit priorities, posting summaries on the web site, do more often
3. Move Open Streets to the bike rack
4. Update description to include all of Low St
5. Move Business Park to Bike Ped Network Plan
6. Suggestion to have safe biking work session as part of safety

X. Fundraising Discussion -- Liz led a discussion on Fundraising

A. Visioning and goals should support fundraising

B. What are our goals? Ways that we want to have an impact?

1. Advocacy

- a) Safer environment for cyclists and walkers
- b) "Livable streets" creating places people want to be
- c) Building community
- d) Increasing volume of bikers and walkers
- e) Reduced dependency on cars
- f) Reducing traffic, calming traffic
- g) Bringing walkability to all parts of the City
- h) Health

2. Action

- a) Building and improving connectivity for walkers and bikers
- b) Connecting places where people want to go, making it easier to get out of your car
- c) Reducing speeds
- d) Traffic calming
- e) Connecting neighborhoods
- f) Member-led initiatives

3. Awareness

- a) Education and outreach
- b) Learning how to bike
- c) Helping people feel it's acceptable to walk or bike
- d) Helping people enjoy walking

C. Next Steps -- Liz organize group to summarize goals and bring back for further review (Judy, Chris, Eric, Alden, Liz)

D. Fundraising impact -- think about what impact we can have, this will be the key message for fundraising, how do we measure success?

XI. Project Updates [051424 NLS Project Updates.docx](#)

A. Low Street Walk Audit -- [Low St Walk Audit Notes](#), Next Steps is to come up with a report (Juliet will reach out to folks on the list)

- B. Low Street Planning -- Bonnie will organize a meeting of folks who have expressed interest
- XII. Other Business
  - A. Low Street Speed Limits (Rick) – [draft letter](#) -- discuss in Low Street meeting
  - B. Metro Mobility proposal for first-mile/last-mile e-bikes (Rick) – [draft letter of support](#)
- XIII. Adjournment
  - A. Sheila made a motion to adjourn, Alden seconded, approved