



NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center – Boardroom

- Started at 7:00 pm
- Attendance – Alden, Chris, Bonnie, Carolyn, Eddie, Eric, Judy Sharkey, Judy Tymon, Juliet, Liz, Rick, Sheila, Jared
- Approval of March Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2025-03-25 Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
 - Moved by Alden, seconded by Judy, voted unanimously
- Treasurer's Report – [NLS 4-30-2025 Treasurers Report.pdf](#)
 - Distributed \$3,500 in grant funds to the City for bike share pilot program
 - Balance as of 4/30/25: \$1,557.46
- Project Updates
 - Bike Rodeo – Thursday, May 1, 2:15-4:30 pm (Bonnie)
 - Phil Posner, instructor
 - Volunteers – Bonnie, Alden, Judy Sharkey, Carolyn Layzer
 - NYRS – Stacy – check in and occupy kids
 - 19 signed up so far
 - Bike lights and bells to distribute
 - Riverside – Tom – repairs/maintenance
 - For the future (from Judy Crocker, Safe Routes to School):
 - NYS/Nock ClipperShip kids as volunteers?
 - Safe Pedestrian training?
 - Bike Bus – Wednesday, May 7 (Eric)
 - Starting at Perkins Playground at 7:40am – Emma Andrews – Middle Way – City Hall – Cushing Park 7:50. Bresnahan 8:10. About 3 miles total. School starts at 8:30.
 - Bresnahan – Tom starting at beginning, other parents joining

- NLS volunteers – Sheila, Eric, Judy T.
- Greg Whitney (Police) interested in participating.
- Andi will send to her mailing list, with maps/times/etc.
- Social media – NLS Facebook & Instagram. Newburyport Public Schools (NbptSchools) app (Juliet will find out how to get announcements on the app).
- Aiming for every Friday morning in the future. Hope to expand to Middle School.
- Walk Audits
 - Storey Ave west of I-95 – Wednesday, May 14, 4:00-6:00 pm (Eric)
 - Flyer by Elizabeth Maldari
 - Fire station to Artichoke Terrace
 - Wayne Amaral, Andy Port, Jim McCauley, Elizabeth Maldari
 - Rain date – May 21?
 - Merrimac St @ Kent St – June?
 - Dove/Leary's to Cashman Park walkway
 - Invite Wayne, Christian – link to grant project
 - Circulate date survey
- Bike Share
 - Contracts
 - Stations (Jennie – Market Landing Park sites)
 - Adaptive – to be discussed at next COD meeting
 - Branding – MerriCycle proposed; poll of high school students
- Adult Cycling Skills Clinic (Bonnie)
 - New Belgium Brewing grant awarded
 - Volunteers needed to help with planning, promotion, publicity, to come back with a proposal for next month – Liz, Eddie, Juliet
 - Thinking September/early October for first one. If we only need one instructor, then will have a second clinic in the spring
 - Hire instructors from MassBike; instruction session at Cushing
 - (AARP & MassBike have a biking over 50 program)
- AARP app for bike audits

- Community Events (volunteers needed)
 - Green Expo – Sunday, May 18, 1:00-4:00 pm – Bonnie, Juliet, Chris
 - Reflectors? Raffle?
 - Bookmarks
 - Handout about NLS
 - Postcard – logo, QR code
 - Daylight Ride on the Refuge – Saturday, June 21 (PRNWR *Let's Go Outside!*)
- Advocacy
 - High Street bike lanes – potential letter to City Council (Jared)
 - Jared spoke with Heath Granas, who discussed with Wayne Amaral
 - Making it official would take away a lot of parking spaces
 - Wayne said to write a letter to him that he would bring to TSAC. Perhaps do a count of parking? Think about what time of day is best to count: early morning, mid-day, evening.
 - Concern about political impact in an election year – wait until next year to raise the issue formally?
- MVPC Updates
- Other Business
 - Alden – crosswalk review completed. Would like to get the group together and discuss where we want to go with it, what are the critical issues.
 - Judy T – pay attention to crosswalks where crashes have happened.
 - Juliet – include crosswalks where the City is daylighting.
- Next meeting – May 27, Annual Meeting
- Adjourn at 8:34 pm