



NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

Meeting Minutes August 26, 2025 – 7:00 pm Senior Community Center – 2nd Floor

- Welcome / Introductions
 - Attendance: Sheila, Rick, Ben, Lisa Medina Smith, Chris, Judy T., Bonnie, Carolyn, Judy S., Jared, Patrick Reed, Eddie R., Juliet
- Approval of July Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2025-07-22 Minutes.pdf](#)
 - Amendment: Sheila – add Walmart (p.2)
 - Motion to approve by Bonnie, second by Sheila, approved unanimously
- Treasurer's Report – (none this month)
- Project Updates
 - Bike Bus (Sheila)
 - Adding 2 routes to the Molin/Nock: South End and West End
 - Looking for more adults for the Molin/Nock routes. High School guidance counselor is looking for students to help (service credits)
 - River Valley: interest in having a bike bus
 - Bike Share (Sheila & Rick)
 - Stations are poured; no contract from MassDOT yet
 - Sponsors: Port Vida
 - Bonnie: spoke to Valerie of Valerie's Gallery and Ted of Loretta – too much money and not in their interest area.
 - Eddie: landlord wants to make a small donation (e.g., \$250) – need to set up a process
 - Jared: list of local business sponsors – will provide
 - Chris: UFP on Hale Street?
 - Discussion of Metro Mobility: questions about availability to non-income-qualified, privacy, etc.
 - Adult Cycling Skills Clinic (Bonnie)
 - Sunday 9/28 and 10/5
 - Giving away lights and bells to participants
 - 12 participants x 2 instructors each day. Optional ride after.

- Need two volunteers per clinic: help at clinic and then lead & sweep on the after-clinic rides.
 - Route: N. Atkinson to High, right, then cross at Willow St, then Middle Way to Cushing Park, and return.
 - Events on both days: 5K run/walk on 9/28, Jeannie Geiger walk on 10/5 (should be done by 11:15)
 - Registration opens at NRYS website tomorrow; COA has sent out the flyers and posted on Facebook.
- Bike Audits (Rick)
 - Low Street audits: 3pm on September 9 & 10
 - High Street audits: 7pm during week of October 20
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- Moonlight Ride on the Refuge (Sheila)
 - Need volunteers: cocoa, T-shirts, traffic management
 - T-shirt sales have to open 9/3 – special newsletter goes out same day
 - Need to discuss/address lights.
- MVPC Updates (Patrick)
 - Storey Ave Walk Audit: Elizabeth has made some edits to the draft walk audit report.
 - Three Roads intersection: Patrick recommended that we start with fewer count locations initially. Focus only at 3 Roads and the roundabout. The City will need to complete a project notification form.
 - Rural and Tribal Assistance Grant: MVPC applied to USDOT or a planning grant for the Gloria Braunhardt Bike Path as a connection to the Garrison Trail.
 - Valley Tally counters: MVPC will replace the stickers on the counters with new metal stickers. 15 additional counters.
 - New hires: Christine Herrick and Brendan Linard.
- Other Business
 - Juliet – concern that we're not doing enough for walkers and walking.
 - Think about walking school bus (walk to school). How do we get parent champions? Some work has been done on routes in the past. Juliet will reach out to NRYS for their past work.
 - Chris – can we do something around bus shelters for MEVA buses (especially the new #11 bus). Patrick – MEVA is moving from flag to stop system. They would welcome our involvement. Invite MEVA to one of our meetings.
 - Lisa Smith – would like the City to have a resident survey for Hale Street. Possibly two surveys – one for abutters and another for general residents
 - Look at Tony Collins survey of trail abutters
 - Tufts UEP Spring 2026 Field Projects – project ideas due 9/5/25

- Bonnie: traffic calming – look at a Kent/Oakland type street.
 - Juliet: traffic garden planning
 - Judy: look at other wide streets that have a lot of traffic – like Federal St
- Adjourn – motion by Juliet, second by Bonnie; adjourned at 8:34 pm
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Next Meetings – September 23 / October 28 / November 18

2025 Work Plan – [NLS 2025 Work Plan.docx](#)