



**Annual Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center**

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

- I. Call to Order – Rick called the meeting to order at 7:05
 - Members present: Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Alden Clark, Judy Tymon, Chris Cunningham, Ben Iacono, Eddie Rubin, Eric Tracey, Jared Hubbard, Patrick Reed (MVPC)
 - Visitors: Biff Bouse, Mary Storrs
- II. Introductions
 - All present introduced themselves, including stating if they were NLS officers or directors.
- III. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024 Annual Meeting [VOTE]
[NLS 2024-05-14 Annual Meeting Notes.docx](#)
Motion to approve the minutes by Alden; second by Judy; unanimous in favor.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
[NLS 5-27-2025 Treasurers Report.pdf](#)
Alden presented the Treasurers Report for January 1 through May 27, 2025.
Motion to accept by Judy; second by Eric; unanimous in favor.
- V. President's Update
[President's report 2025 annual meeting.pdf](#)
Rick presented the President's Report for May 2024 through April 2025.
Eric discussed daylighting at crosswalks and intersections.
- VI. Membership Update
 - Membership is open to any area residents who support the mission, aims and objectives of the corporation.
 - Rick explained that the Google Group mailing list includes those who have requested to be kept informed of NLS actions in between meetings and is considered the list of NLS members.
 - Biff Bouse and Mary Storrs requested to be added as members and will be added to the Google Group.

VII. Nomination and Election of New Directors

- Rick reviewed the current list of directors and noted that there were 2 available spots according to the bylaws.
- Ben requested to be removed as a director; Chris volunteered to become a director.
- Election of new directors

Motion by Jared to re-elect the existing directors except for Ben, and to elect Chris as a director; second by Ben; unanimous in favor.

VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers

Motion by Jared to elect the existing officers as officers for 2025-2026 (Rick - president; Juliet - clerk; Alden - treasurer); second by Ben; unanimous in favor

IX. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Rick reviewed two proposed amendments to the Bylaws:

- Section 5.3 - Signatories:

Existing The President, Clerk and Treasurer shall be signatories on the corporation's accounts. One signature is required for financial transactions of up to \$250.00. Two signatures shall be required for transactions of more than \$250.00.

Proposed The President, Clerk and Treasurer shall be signatories on the corporation's accounts. One signature is required for expenditures of up to \$500.00. Two signatures shall be required for expenditures of more than \$500.00.

- Section 8.6 - Notice and Quorum

Existing The Clerk shall give at least 28 days notice of the Annual Meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall consist of the members in attendance at the meeting.

Proposed The Clerk shall give at least 21 days notice of the Annual Meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall consist of the members in attendance at the meeting.

Motion to approve the proposed bylaw amendments by Sheila; second by Jared; unanimous in favor.

X. Project Updates

Updates were provided on several ongoing projects:

- Bike Share Pilot Program (Rick, Sheila, Eric)
 - Discussion of ways to publicize the program – possible participation in Yankee Homecoming parade or bed race
- Bike Rodeo (Eddie)
- Adult Cycling Skills Clinic (Eddie)
 - Funded by a \$2,300 Bicycle Advocacy Grant from New Belgium Brewing Company

- Proposed dates: Oct 5 or Oct 19. Also suggested moving this up to late September so that it is before the Oct 3 Moonlight Ride (and give more time before the end of daylight saving time)
- Bike Bus (Eric, Sheila)
 - Eric discussed the need for more bike parking at the Bresnahan School and whether NLS should apply for grant funding. It was suggested that we first talk to the School Department about adding bike racks through the regular budget, and approach the Newburyport Educational Foundation for support.
- Walk Audits
 - Storey Avenue, May 14 (Eric)
 - Merrimac St @ Kent St, June 3 (Rick) – planned
- Bike Audits (Rick)
 - Funded by a \$2,300 Capacity Building Microgrant from AARP Livable Communities.
 - Plan to conduct daytime bike audits along Low Street in September, and evening bike audits at selected locations on High Street in October.

XI. 2025 Work Plan Discussion [NLS 2025 Work Plan.docx](#)

- Jared noted that Wayne is redoing the prioritization of the City's streets and sidewalks plan. We should revisit our 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan and compare it to the City's (revised) streets and sidewalks plan.
- There was a discussion of pathway (off-street) connections throughout the City.
 - Eric suggested looking at a potential path from Daniel Lucy Way to Philips Drive.
 - Rick described a proposed bike-ped connection between the trails at Evergreen Commons (Duffy Drive) and the Garrison Trail. (This connection was included in the Planning Board's approval but has not been constructed.)
 - Existing off-street routes include a short path between Cushing Street and Dorothy Lucey Drive, the stairs between McClintock St and Charron Drive, and the paths through Atkinson Common.
 - Chris is interested in making a list of all the potential locations in the City. (South End has the rail trail.)

XII. Other Business

- "Know Your Community", July 31 <https://yankeehomecoming.com/events/know-your-community/>
 - Rick will sign up and we can decide at another meeting who and what.
 - Can use this opportunity for promoting the bike share program.
- Swag
 - Koozies – motion by Sheila moved to approve \$90 reimbursement to Eric; second by Jared; unanimous in favor.

- Safety lights – motion by Judy to approve expending \$270 for 100 lights, subject to decision on color and design; second by Alden; unanimous in favor. (Rick will send around color choices and logo/lettering ideas.)
- Chris suggested looking at Human Rights Commission website – sell shirts, etc. on demand.
- Bike safety equipment
 - Judy noted that the Police Department can put items in their education budget to support safe cycling. She will follow up with Greg Whitney.
 - Members discussed ways to distribute bike lights, including (1) selling lights through the Moonlight Ride, (2) adding a link on the Moonlight Ride registration for participants to purchase directly, or (3) purchase in bulk by NLS for resale. These ideas will be explored at a future meeting.

XIII. Open Discussion

- Patrick Reed reported on the status of the Valley Tally trail counters. The web portal is now up for the public to review user volumes for all counters. Some data cleaning and portal refinements are still ongoing.
- Referring to the discussion about identifying and documenting off-road connections throughout the city, Patrick noted that in Nantucket such pathways are identified with monuments to indicate public access.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Alden to adjourn the annual meeting; seconded by Sheila; unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:52pm.