



Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center – 2nd Floor

- Attendance -- Rick Taintor, Chris Cunningham, Mary DeLai , Carol Layzer, Judy Sharkey, Bonnie Sontag, Alden Clark, Juliet Walker, Patrick Reade(MVPC), Eddie Rubin, Eric Tracey?? Jared Hubbard, Sheila Taintor

- April & June Meeting Minutes

Vote - 1st ALDEN

2nd BONNIE

Approved

- [Treasurer's Report](#) -- Alden Clark

Motion to transfer current restricted adult clinic funds into general funds

1st - Bonnie

2nd - Alden

Approved

- Project Updates

- Bike Bus -- Starting 9/11. Re-instating South End route to Molin. All other routes to be continued. River Valley wants a North End route. Bonnie suggested handing pamphlet to parents - Quick Guide. Bonnie can order more.
- Bike Racks - Walmart grant - got the grant. Purchased two racks. Schools will get back to us on what they want. Or wait to see if the new Youth Center needs racks.

Approve use of \$200 for racks at location TBD

1st Jared

2nd - Bonnie

Approved

- Port Bikeshare -- 1826 rentals since April. Longer rides. \$7,500 in user rental. Ratings are 4.3 out of 5.
 - Rebalancers - 111 moves - 9 people participating, 60 hours of volunteers. Market Landing Park is most used. 4 more stations with 20 more bikes - September maybe - Cashman, Cushing, Refuge Visitor Center, Senior Center.
 - Sponsor - Port Vida (in progress)
 - Plumfest wants bikes - Sept. 12 We will create two virtual stations.

- Merrimack St. Walk audit - done. Submitted to Mayor and Council.
 - Storey Ave W. in progress and Ferry Road in progress.
 - Crosswalk Report - Added Rick's input. Next step - Rick will send to Mayor & Council.
 - Speed Limits -
 - Speed Limit Report sent to City Council. Bonnie waiting for response from A. Port.
 - Moonlight Ride on refuge - Friday October 23, Saturday October 25 is back-up.rain date 10/24. Waiting for price for cocoa from Julie of Chococa Baking.
 - Needs a system to allow first-time & local participants to register. Limited to 120 (parking) Need a "thinking team".
 - Community rides - Sheila approached Commission on Disabilities - arrange a ride in the spring.
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- MVPC Updates
 - Elizabeth is in Arlington!
 - Statewide discussion is happening around e-bike regulations, limiting bikes that have capability to travel over 30mph from using shared use paths
 - Ferry boat plan is complete - will be released in September. Service Plan - phasing plan. "Teaser service" - 2 round trips Newburyport to Amesbury. Newburyport news
 - Counters are being validated. Do not collect speed of e-bikes. Can use tubes. 7 new counters being installed.
 - Beach road project - long & short term options.
 - "Re-imagine 110" project.
 - Priority Growth areas - Storey Ave, Industrial Area, Downtown.
 - 'Call for Projects" - small projects within ROW.
 - Three roads
 - Kent at Merrimack
 - Olive's
 - Updates on City activities -- Cllr Harman
 - TSAC - High (Olive's) & entrance to Bres/Senior Center. Order submitted to prohibit parking on Myrtle. Needs curb extensions.
 - 6/8 Public Works & Safety meeting re Streets & Sidewalks Plan
 - Need Master Plan for High St. - is there a role for us in doing this? Mini charette.Put on agenda as a winter Project.
 - Speed - Storey Ave. Marshall agreed to do a speed study.
 - Mary has a resident working on Hale St. bike project.
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- Safe Routes
 - Heard back from coordinator. Juliet will meet with the Superintendent to see if there is a safety component to add to school program - training.
 - Maybe another bike rodeo.
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- Other Business
 - Fun at Know Your Community

Tufts class project - proposal for visioning for quick build along Middle Way.

Next Meetings September 22/October 27