

Newton Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

Meeting minutes

September 23, 2014, 7:45 p.m.

Newton City Hall cafeteria

Attending: David Krigman, George Kirby, Jim Lerner, Rex Clark,

- We discussed progress on the Newton Upper Falls Greenway construction, the plans for construction to begin in Needham in the spring, and a possible vote at Dover's town meeting this fall.
- The Boston Globe will be doing an article on bike safety and is interviewing George tomorrow.
- The new Massachusetts energy secretary, Maeve Bartlett, has been offered the opportunity to join the Newton Bike Friday convoy (twice), but has been unable to attend. More recently, we've offered to give her a private ride on the date of her choice.
- Rex is co-president of the Newton North HS PTSO. Safe Routes to Schools (Alicia Bowman?) contacted him asking about student or administration groups who might get involved to improve safe commuting by bike. Need to develop a constituency to demand bike safety training, accommodations, enforcement.

Action items:

 George will send Rex materials from the bike safety course put on by MassBike a few years ago.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.