

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BIKE/WALK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2026**

ATTENDANCE: Emily Burnaman, Chair; Nicholas Pappas; Manny Salgado; Rebecca Stoll;  
Christina Randall; Brian Clarke; Elizabeth Sile

OTHERS: Greg Pacelli, Transportation Planner, TMP; Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Burnaman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Burnaman called the roll, and all those listed in the attendance were present.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation this evening.

**VII. DISCUSSION**

**B. COMMISSION SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES.**

Ms. Watkins said that Watch for Me CT is a Connecticut Department of Transportation-funded program that is aimed at bicycle and pedestrian safety. She said they don't have grants for street improvements, but they educate around street improvements. Their goal is to reduce fatalities and injuries among bicyclists and pedestrians, and one way to do this is to work closely with towns to align their efforts with the town's needs. All services are free of charge, and the organization asks whether there is anything it can do to help the commission achieve its educational goals related to safety.

Mr. Salgado asked Ms. Watkins if she would be interested in joining a call with the education subcommittee to discuss safety education throughout different pockets of the community. He said the sub-committee discussed creating videos in the past and asked if they have any resources for that. Ms. Watkins said “Yes” that she would love to attend a meeting with the sub-committee. She also mentions that they have a company that puts videos together, and that it can be done.

There was a discussion regarding roundabouts. Mr. Pacelli said they need to go through the roundabout committee at the DOT for the design process, but are now focusing on the public outreach portion during the planning and design stage, so that folks can better understand them and how they differ from signals. There is a complete street design guide and legislation that were approved last year, and they are looking to accelerate them across the city holistically, which is why they need the education proponent to keep up with the infrastructure being installed. Ms. Watkins said one of their goals is to get ahead of the construction or the proposal to the community, educate people, dispel those myths, and give people the correct information early on, with the idea of maybe reducing some of the pushback.

Ms. Stoll asked if Watch for Me CT has been supporting any motorist education initiatives. Ms. Watkins said most of their education is aimed at drivers, as they have the most responsibility, and that they have created a bike lane brochure for drivers and are now working on new information for cyclists on how to use a bike lane.

Ms. Stoll said that one of the commission's main goals this year is to assess the 2012 Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan, and part of that will be a bike/walk audit.

There was a public comment regarding sidewalk shoveling, noting that there is no recourse and that people are being forced to walk in the street.

Ms. Burnaman said one of the goals of the commission is not only to provide information in different formats but also in different languages, and they are trying to support both English and Spanish versions of the materials being circulated. Ms. Watkins said they have a lot of material in both English and Spanish and can get things translated into other languages.

Ms. Randall asked Ms. Watkins if she would be interested in doing events in tandem with the Bike/Walk Commission to combine forces. Ms. Watkins said, “Yes,” but if they can't do it directly, they will find the people who can

Mr. Red suggested, in addition to social media, an activity. He also said he is organizing a 5K bike/walk in honor of Gregory Burnett, which will also serve as an opportunity to promote bicycle and walking safety.

#### **IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

##### **A. REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**\*\* MS. RANDALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* MR. SALGADO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. FINALIZATION/APPROVAL OF 2026 STRATEGIC GOALS AND INITIATIVES**

Ms. Burnaman presented the Strategic Plan, which was reviewed in the December meeting. She said the goal this evening is to review each goal, approve its ownership, and ensure it aligns with the commission as a whole.

Ms. Burnaman provided a brief overview of each goal. The commission reviewed the goals and suggested some minor changes.

**\*\* MS. STOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026 STRATEGIC GOALS AND INITIATIVES.**

**\*\* MR. SALGADO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **B. FOLLOW-UP ON 2026 EVENTS AND BIKE VALET PLANNING**

Ms. Burnaman said the first event for this year is scheduled for April and will be held at the Norwalk Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2026. A Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026, at noon. She asked if any of the commissioners were interested in joining the Steering Committee. Ms. Randall and Mr. Salgado said they will be attending the event.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed this evening.

## **VII. DISCUSSION**

### **A. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Mr. Salgado said that one agenda item brought to his attention was the pedestrian signals on Water Street and Washington Street. He said he would also like to include a discussion regarding sidewalks and snow removal. Ms. Burnaman and Mr. Pacelli said that, in addition to discussing these at the next meeting, they would defer to the click-and-request app to ensure there is a record and that it is submitted to the correct department.

### **C. STAFF UPDATES- TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, COMPLETE STREETS, AND OTHER PROJECT UPDATES.**

Mr. Pacelli said there are no updates from TMP, as construction has stopped due to the weather. However, the sidewalks on Rowayton Avenue were substantially completed before the holidays, and the sidewalk on Soundview Avenue just east of Cliff Street is being poured this week.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. STOLL MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MR. CLARKE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd