



Town Council

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RESOLUTION # 58

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WHEREAS, Bicycling provides effective transportation in densely populated cities like Watertown and is an ever increasing choice of recreation for children and families. Yet less than 1% of Watertown work trips are by bicycle, compared with 10% or more in U.S. cities that actively support bicycling and typically 20-50% in modern European cities; and

WHEREAS, One of the major barriers to cycling is lack of safety. Many roadways do not accommodate bicycles safely with today's auto traffic density; and

WHEREAS, Given current concerns about motor vehicle congestion, parking, and pollution, we need to encourage alternatives to the automobile. Developing our city's potential for bicycle transportation is a cost-effective way to relieve these problems significantly, while promoting health and more livable city; and

WHEREAS, This is a critical time for the Town to take a proactive approach to bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Over the next five years over \$36 million dollars in federal funding will be available to Massachusetts for transportation enhancements. This federal funding authorized under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) requires all road and transportation projects to accommodate alternatives to automobile transportation; and

WHEREAS, A permanent bicycle committee should be established composed of not more than nine interested citizens who will work with Town officials to

- include accommodations for bicycling in road resurfacing and other construction projects

- increase the availability and safety of recreational bikeways in the Town
- evaluate and improve existing bicycle parking and create new facilities where appropriate
- provide education to both bicyclists and motorists to promote safety
- develop a long range master plan designating priority routes for bicycling.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Watertown hereby establishes a Watertown Bicycle Committee and that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to appoint members to said Bicycle Committee.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council at which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against on November 22, 1994.


Council President


Council Clerk