



Town Council

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

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**RESOLUTION to amend #R-94-58,
by which the Watertown Bicycle Committee was established,
to change the Committee to become
The Watertown Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

R-2005- 51

WHEREAS, Both bicycling and walking provide effective transportation in densely populated cities like Watertown and are ever increasing choices of recreation for children and families, and

WHEREAS, One of the major barriers to cycling and walking is lack of safety, and

WHEREAS, Dangerous intersections, road and sidewalk obstacles, tension with motorists, and priority given to motorists and automobiles are areas where the needs of bicyclists and walkers are similar, and

WHEREAS, Developing alternative transportation is potentially a cost-effective way to relieve motor vehicle congestion, address parking shortages, and reduce pollution, promote public health and make Watertown more attractive, and

WHEREAS, Over the coming years, millions of dollars of Federal funding to Massachusetts will require accommodating alternatives to automobile transportation; and

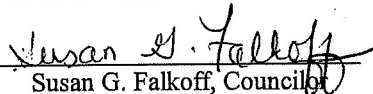
WHEREAS, On November 22, 1994, the town passed Resolution #R-94-58, establishing a permanent bicycle committee charged with working with Town officials to address issues related to bicycle use including accommodations for bicycling in road resurfacing and other construction projects, increasing the availability and safety of recreational bikeways in the Town, evaluating and improving existing bicycle parking and creating new facilities where appropriate, providing education to both bicyclists and motorists to promote safety, and developing a long range master plan designating priority routes for bicycle traffic, and

WHEREAS, the needs of cyclists and pedestrians are often similar but sometimes in conflict, and

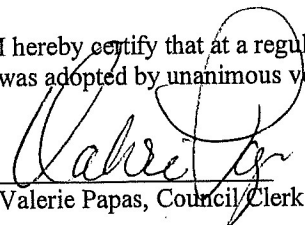
WHEREAS, the conflicting needs are best resolved through mutual planning, and

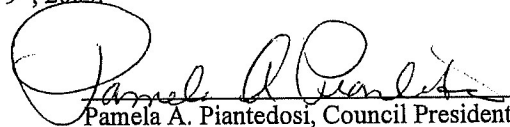
WHEREAS, both cyclists and pedestrians are in need of advocacy,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown hereby renames the Watertown Bicycle Committee the Watertown Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, and modifies its mission to include Pedestrian issues in all of its work.


Susan G. Falkoff, Councilor

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by unanimous voice vote on August 9th, 2005.


Valerie Papas, Council Clerk


Pamela A. Piantedosi, Council President