**AGENDA:           Safe Streets Working Group**

**DATE:                 January 26, 2022**

**TIME:                 7:00 to 8:30 PM (Remote Meeting – link at end of agenda)**

Happy New Year, Everyone!

We will be holding the first meeting of SSWG on 1.26.2022.   Please note that we have moved all monthly meetings to the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

There is a lot happening in town regarding roads/transportation and long-range planning for the community.  Our goal as a volunteer committee is work with our town government to provide input and support to these existing town-wide initiatives and to bring out more people interested in being engaged in SSWG.

Topics for our January meeting include:

1. Bike / Ped Plan Moving Forward.  Wakefield held a large planning meeting with MAPC on 12.13.2021 to review the draft bicycle and pedestrian planning (see attached).

**ACTION ITEM:**  SSWG would like to set up a number of walking tours with MAPC to provide greater detail and organize community involvement on key roads / intersections in town.  Some of the preliminary locations include:

a) North Avenue on the western side of the Lake and Main Street / Route 129

b) High School focused on Farm Street between Water and Nahant

c) Greenwood neighborhood focused on the Oak Street and Greenwood Street               intersection

d) Main Street from the Melrose town line into Wakefield Center

e) Albion Street and North Avenue intersection.  Albion construction work is ongoing.

2)**Master Plan Advisory Group**.   This newly created advisory group is under the Planning Board to develop a new, 10 year master plan.  The group consists of two, elected town officials (Anne Danehy, Town Council and Theo Noell, Planning Board).  There are also twenty six (26) appointed members.  Their first meeting was held on January 5, 2022.  John Crisley is one of the appointed members and will give a recap of the group’s kick-off meeting.

3) **Safe Routes to Schools.**  We’ll discuss efforts to engage our School Officials in opportunities identified in the walk audits completed last year.

4) **Lake Recreation Sundays.**  SSWG is proposing to organize a pilot event we’re tentatively calling “Lake Recreation Sundays” this June, July and August.  We are proposing an event that would close down one lane of North Avenue (adjacent to the lake) and one lane of Main Street/Route 129 to motorized traffic.  This would create a recreation opportunity for kids, families, adults to walk, cycle, roller blade or scooter more freely to the Lake during the summer.  We’re proposing to hold this event on selected Sundays from Noon to 4 PM, subject to town application and approval.

**ACTION ITEM:**  We will submit an application for the event to the town for their review.  We are looking for people interested in \*volunteering\* in some capacity to work on organizing and holding this event!

 << Thank You >>

**Zoom Information (meeting will be recorded)**

Time: Jan 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Note: this information will be the same for each meeting through October 2022, 4th Wednesday of Month