

# City of Middletown Complete Streets Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes



Monday, January 12, 2026, 7 PM

Location: WebEx

Attendees: Laura Baum, Lisa Liesener, John Hall, Melinda Polson

---

### 1. Current/ongoing projects:

- Minutes from December meeting
- Welcome and Introductions
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Study
  - Still expecting a public meeting in February.
- Air Line Trail
  - Continue working to bring the Air Line Trail into the Town of Portland. They've been working on this for a few months and may not hear anything for a bit.
  - Design work on the boardwalk for the gap in the Air Line Trail in East Hampton is complete. They are targeting a May 2026 construction start date.
- Newfield Corridor Trail
  - John has heard that this will go to the Inland Wetlands Commission this month. It takes two meetings to get through Inland Wetlands Commission.
  - Funding for this segment comes from the parks bond and cost might be about \$1.25 million.
- Saybrook Road (East Main to Tryon)
  - AI Engineers is the city's representative working with Cardinal. Can Lisa try to get a contact there so we can get an update?
- Route 9 Updates
  - No updates.
- ATESD / traffic cameras
  - No updates.
- Traffic Signals
  - From December minutes: Officer Zadjura did a project looking through schematics of a lot of our Middletown traffic lights. Lisa and he will meet in January to discuss.
  - From December minutes: Still a few punch list items on the rectangular rapid flashing beacons that we have at Beman and Keigwin. Once that project is truly complete, we can discuss whether there are better locations for those.
- ADA training equipment
  - Savannah-Nicole is meeting with CTDOT this week to talk about options for a training in Middletown.
- Road Bond
  - Discussion of how it gets decided which roads to work on for the coming season
  - Bobby Russo is the acting director
- Ongoing citizen concerns

- Lisa has heard from some folks who are very frustrated that they can't get around Middletown without a car. No safe routes for bikes.

## **2. Reports from other pertinent regular meetings/events:**

- ECOIN
  - No updates
- Sustainable Middletown/CT
  - No updates

## **3. New Business:**

- Goal setting for 2026
  - Laura wants to put a file together of our priorities. She'll create and share so people can list their ideas and we can discuss at the next meeting.
  - John suggests adding something about drawing positive attention to recreating along River Road. The section between Eastern Drive and Silver St is a perfect place for people to go and exercise. There was recently a major clean up there, there's a lot of trash. The signage really suggests that nobody is allowed to go there. John thinks the city should really change the culture and encourage people to go there and enjoy it. We can lobby for the city to change the change the signage because right now it says "no bikes" (among other things).

## **Notes:**

- Next meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026, 7 PM location WebEx