

## Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Collaborative

### Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2016, 6PM – 8PM, VFW

**Attendees:** Nancy Seligson, Steve Altieri, Mitch Green, , Marc Karell, Michele Lewis, Frank Owens, George Roniger, Stephen Moser, Tony Gelber, Sue Odierna

6:10 PM Greetings & Call to Order

6:10 PM Minutes of January 5, 2016 Meeting – Approved

### Quality of Life & Sustainability -- Bike-able, Walk-able Consultant

6:15pm Introduction by Stephen Moser of Jonathan Orcutt, Independent Policy Consultant on Bike Transportation.

Jonathan's presentation demonstrated how other cities have orchestrated their bike lanes. Below is a synopsis of his major points and some of the statistics he reported on:

- In New York City, along Broadway, there are "Floating Parking Lanes" (not against curbs). Cycling has increased 2 1/2 times since adding bike lanes in NYC.
  - It is a safety misconception that biking is dangerous: in reality in NYC, as biking volume increased 51%, crashes with injuries decreased 27%
- In other parts of the U.S and other cities, sharrows are often used. Jonathan feels sharrows are overused in cities; noting that riders are not enthusiastic about them in areas of heavy auto/truck traffic
- For a two-way bike lane, 11 feet of space is needed, plus space before parked cars.
- A Portland, Oregon survey examined the "Four Types of Riders":
- 60% are interested but concerned; 33% say "no way, no how"; 7% are enthused and confident
  - **Therefore, NYC's strategy for creating more bike lanes is to get that 60%.**
- When adding bike lanes, go for the "low hanging fruit"
  - Commuters already bike to train stations, so start with bike lanes to these areas. These are the easiest residents to target.
  - Students should be targeted as well, for the same reason. Students and their parents at Mamaroneck schools are already engaged through "Safe Bike Riding" classes, "Safe Routes to School", Bike racks at Hommocks, etc.

Presentation concluded at 7:30pm. Discussion followed among the Collabs:

- Nancy suggested the Collabs choose a first step, --with which to kick off a project.
- Ralph suggested the program should be promoted as a safety project.
- Steve A. suggested that this go to the Traffic Committee for consideration before going to the Town Board.
- Steve M will send comments to Jonathan, as well as organize a Task Force to develop one or more "Pilot Project" ideas for consideration by the Collab at our next meeting. The goal is to get the paint dry on TOM's first bike lane by this year's Memorial Day weekend.

