

## **Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2012**

**Present:** Scot Drysdale (Chair), Bill Young, Tim Cox, Carol Weingeist, Barbara McIlroy, Sloan Mayor, Joanna Whitcomb, Carolyn Radish and Boris Menkov – guest

1. Boris Melkov from 83 Lebanon Street came to the Committee to express his concern about the dangerous walking conditions on the Sand Hill corner heading south on Route 120. Winter conditions are particularly challenging and forces all residents to use their car to get anywhere, even though they're very walkable to downtown, Coop, school, recreation center, etc.

Good reasons to extend the sidewalk include:

- Improved access to Tanzi Tract
- Improved safety for a small neighborhood
- Reduced use of cars

The Committee encouraged Boris to speak with his neighbors, mark-up a Google map and draft a letter to the town. We fully support the concept.

2. Route 120 Discussion – VT Law School white paper was prepared for the UVTMA using funds from the City of Lebanon. The paper describes funding options available to the municipalities for improvements on the 120. It was agreed that we should stay informed.
3. Plan Priorities – Carolyn led the discussion with a spreadsheet of the projects identified in the bike-ped plan (see attached spreadsheet.) We reviewed the projects on list in alphabetical order by streets. Below are some of the discussion highlights.

2012 – We would like to encourage the widespread use of Sharrows in the primary corridors. It seems like we should be pushing the use of the standard Sharrow stencil in 2012:

- North College from Wentworth to North Park
- Lebanon Street from Main Street to Coop
- Park Street from Summer to the Coop
- Lyme Road in front of the Richmond School

East Wheelock – College Street to Park Street: Need a feasibility study for a long term solution for this high intensity used areas (consider a cycle track or full bike lanes.) Short term options include a bike lane in WB direction & Sharros in EB direction.

Dresden Road fence replaced to make access to the school/neighborhood meet ADA standards. Fits in nicely with Safe Routes to Schools grant (probably can be done with relative ease.)

We reviewed the projects that require further study. It was suggested that a series of neighborhood meetings might be nice to solicit ideas for improved ped-bike access on the following areas:

2012 - Greensboro Road (Scot & ?? )

2012 - Gile Tract & Buck Road to Path at Medical Center Drive - feasibility of dropping the southbound lane and off-road path (Carolyn will contact Jonathan)????

2012 - Lebanon Street/Route 120 Sand Hill (Sloan & Boris Menkov)

2013 - Verona/Valley Road (Carol & Ethan Burke)

2013 - South Main Street (Tim, David Dostal & Susan Cohen)

2013 - Etna Village/Library (Barbara McIlroy, Cornell, Balch & Cullen)

We agreed that we should spend some time defining what we want to accomplish with the neighborhood chats, run it by the town officials & begin conversations in the fall of 2012.

4. Scope of Work from ORW is necessary so we can pay for the good work that's being done by the firm. Bill Young moved to authorize Scot to act on the scope of work. Joanna seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
5. Next Meeting is 4:30 to 5:30 on Thursday, May 10th. We're going to focus on what we really want to accomplish in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Whitcomb