

Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Draft Minutes of December 6, 2012

Present: Scot Drysdale (Chair), Sloane Mayor, Tim Cox, Barbara McIlroy, Joanna Whitcomb, Carol Weingiest, Doug Deatt, Charlie Sullivan, Sam Burdick, Kelly Dole & Athos Rassias.

Action Items:

- Bike-Friendly Community Subcommittee will work on the application.
 - Future agenda item – need to really address intersections and how to deal with roundabouts
1. **Minutes of November 2012** – Reviewed and approved unanimously, after changing Gril Book to Girl Brook.
 2. **Bike-Friendly Community Designation (application due February 2013).** Application requires signature of Selectboard chair, the name and email of the committee chair. Be sure to involve the police department in the process as well as including police representation on the HBPC. It was moved by Doug Deatt to create a BFC subcommittee of Kelly Dole, Tim Cox and Sam Burdick to work on the application. It was seconded by Scot and approved unanimously. Note our application is at the Bike-Friendly Community website, our user name: hanovernhbikeped password:??
 3. **Safe Routes to School Report** Sloane reported on the SRTS committee work. Issues discussed:
 - Bikes on sidewalk near the RMS & Ray, while we create bike ways, lanes. Perhaps the ordinance should be changed to be 15 years old or get rid of age limitation all together and consider not-to-exceed speed limits (i.e., < 8 mph)
 - Priorities on enforcement (i.e., wrong-way riding on streets, lights at night, & 3' rule)
 - Lyme Road options – road would be narrowed in all of them. The recommendation is Option 1A (\$1.1m) which includes a 5' sidewalk on the east side of Route 10, two 5' bike lanes, a 6' tree lawn & a 12' recreation path.
 - Transition areas – it may be time to thoroughly address them using our consultant.
 - Note - MUP (multi-use path) Bike-Friendly Community Subcommittee
 4. **Route 10 Report** – minor changes approved and we continue to support this efforts.

5. **Parking Division – Enterprise Fund** – Capital Reserve Fund is a half million dollar undesignated reserve fund. All parkers are pedestrians! In general, it seems like funds should be spent annually to improve facilities for bikes and pedestrians. Let's figure out how to access those funds to build good facilities for walkers and bikers.

Bikers and walkers shop locally so we should have good parking for them.

6. **Parking Study** - Desman Associates has conducted a downtown parking study. There was a general sense that the HBPC should be part of this process. We agreed that it would be great to have Desman present their findings to this group and host a public hearing or we should go to the public hearing. Joanna will ask Lt. O'Neil what the public process is for the parking study. The committee would very much like to host a public meeting to hear about their findings.

It was agreed that Doug and Barbara would draft a letter to Patrick O'Neil to be sure walking and biking are addressed in the study. As we look to increase parking fees to better manage the parking demand, the funds should be used to improve walking and biking in town.

7. **Next Meeting is 4:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, January 3rd at the Howe.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Whitcomb