

Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Draft Minutes of January 3, 2013

Present: Scot Drysdale (Chair), Sloane Mayor, Hugh Mellert, Barbara McIlroy, Joanna Whitcomb, Carol Weingiest, Doug Deatt, Dave Driscoll, Bill Young, Tim Cox & Mike Evans from Hanover Police Dept.

Action Items:

- Scot will get copies of the Bike-Ped Master Plan to the Police Dept.
- Tim agreed to investigate other towns rules about riding on the sidewalk
- Sloan will contact Vicki Smith for the SRTS travel plan deadline and ask ORW to provide a quick summary of why Lyme Road proposal.
- Bike-Friendly Community Subcommittee will continue to work on the application.
- Pond Party construction crew is requested for February 2nd. Pond Party is scheduled for February 9th.

1. **Minutes of December 2012** – Reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. **Safe Routes to School Report** Sloane & Joanna reported on the SRTS committee work. Much of the conversation was focused on the Lyme Road treatment which includes sidewalks, 5' tree line buffer, and 5' bike lanes on both sides of the road with students being allowed to ride on the sidewalk. State law says no bikes on the sidewalk at any time. The town has an ordinance that says 12 & under may ride on the sidewalk. Mike Evans expressed his concern about partial enforcement. It's a mixed message to say some parts of town you can ride bikes on the sidewalk and some parts you can't ride on the sidewalk.

It was noted that the point should be that we want to encourage kids to ride their bikes to school. Should we try to change the NH law? Are there other towns in NH that allow people to ride their bikes on the sidewalk and if so, where are they? How did Burlington change their rule?

Bill noted that folks at Kendal would like a crosswalk directly across from their driveway to Storrs Pond field. Mike Evans noted that the state controls that part of Route 10. The roundabout would be a good place

Bill also asked about the Rip Road proposal to one-lane with bike/ped lanes on either side. It was noted that ORW met with the police department to discuss this option. Curtis Road was considered as a possible pilot location and then it was suggested that Valley Road Extension might be a good place to test the option.

Bill would like to move that the HBPC support the SRTS plan for Lyme Road. Joanna seconded the motion. There was extensive discussion about the pros and

cons of the proposal. Joanna suggested that we table the motion until we have more information and a consensus of the group. Committee members were encouraged to attend the January 28th 4 pm meeting at the Fire/Police Station on Lyme Road.

3. **Website Discussion** – We all agreed that we need to have guidelines as to what should be on the town's website, the HBPC blog and FaceBook. All official documents, agendas, minutes and notices should be on the town's website. We agreed to table this to a later date
4. **Bike-Friendly Application** – Tim is working with Kelly and Sam on the application which is due in February. They will report back to the group at the next meeting.
5. **Parking Study** - Desman Associates has conducted a downtown employee parking study (fall 2012 drafts are available.) There was a general sense that the HBPC should be part of this process. All people parking are eventually pedestrians. Joanna exchanged emails with Lt. Patrick O'Neil to ask if Desman might attend the next HBPC meeting on Feb. 7th. Lt. O'Neil noted that there probably will be a public meeting in early February.

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.

6. **Planning for 2013** –
 - Bike/Ped counts: @ Route 10 (between Sachem & Downtown – probably the bridge or urban compact area); Park St & Wheelock; near schools (along Rip & Reservoir)
 - Doug gets quarterly accident reports from the police dept. Barbara has also made inquiries
 7. **Questions for Police Dept.** – Scot asked about the Green and if that's under the purview of the HPD. General sense that it's Dartmouth's property and it's assumed that bikes are allowed. Another question was about the 3' at 30 mph state law. Enforcement is challenging. Education may be more effective. Warnings are very effective means of getting out the word, of educating us.
 8. **Other Business** – Pond Party is on Feb. 9th, work party on Feb 2. Also Mobility Hub work is moving forward. Concepts will be shared with the HBPC as they become available.
 9. **Next Meeting is 4:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, February 7th at the Howe.**
- Respectfully submitted, Joanna Whitcomb

