

Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Draft Minutes of February 7, 2013

Present: Scot Drysdale (Chair), Sloane Mayor, Hugh Mellert, Joanna Whitcomb, Doug Deatt, Sam Burdick, Dave Dostal, Kelley Dole, Tim Cox, Carolyn Radisch & Mike Evans from Hanover Police Dept.

Action Items:

- Prepare an outreach/education plan for the Valley Road test.
- Important Dates: April – Earth Day may be opportune time to institute a weekly bike/walk to school day & October International Walk & Bike to school/work day
- Please volunteer to help-out whenever possible
- Bike-Friendly Community Subcommittee will submit the application for February 24th.
- Pond Party has been re-scheduled for February 10th.
- Attend 3/24 Selectboard meeting when SRTS Travel Plan will be presented.
- Carolyn, Sloan and I will continue to work with PTO

1. **Minutes of January 2013** – Reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. **Parking Study** – Sam presented an overview of the 2/4 Selectboard meeting when the Densman study was presented. He noted that the travel-mode of the surveyed population was not particularly "green" Most people drive alone in a vehicle. Not a lot of attention was paid to expanding bike & walk commuting.
3. **Safe Routes to School Report** Sloane reported on the SRTS committee work. She noted that there is an updated Travel Plan that includes two options for treating Lyme Road (12' MUP or 2 sidewalks with a tree buffer with a 5' bike lane on both sides.) There's lots of education involved with bike rodeos, information maps, education of kids and parents, Advance Transit education.

Kelley asked Michael Evans what it's like out there. He feels that changing road design would be helpful at slowing down the traffic. He does agree that Lyme Road is a busy one. Will people let their children ride their bikes on a Girl Brook?

Sloan noted that it's really a balancing act.

Rip Road treatment could be tested on Valley Rd. and Valley Rd. extension that will require paint and monitoring. The general sense was that the test could be done this spring if it was done well. The objective is to trial run a totally new concept on Valley Road & the extension. There is a professor at NorthEastern that is an expert on this type of treatment. However, the sense is that the Town

could probably do it without the "expert." It will need excellent outreach and education before the town will move on this. Take a leap and do it as a pilot as soon as we can.

Priorities from the SRTS plan were:

- Reservoir Road/Hemlock intersection;
- Dresden Road become a bike boulevard
- Valley Road experiment
- Lyme Road sidewalks on both sides, where space permits a MUP on the West side
- Girl Brook trail

Outreach:

- Bike boulevard on Dresden Road (current situation doesn't work for ADA nor does it really work for emergency access.) Check out the one near the Lebanon Green off of Bank St.
- Valley Road test site
- Bike and walk tip sheet prepared by Carolyn (Sam will send materials to ORW) and the map
- Good grades for bike gear campaign

Final plan will be presented to the Selectboard on March 25th.

4. **Bike-Friendly Application** – Tim and Doug are working with Kelly and Sam on the application which is due February 24th. They will report back to the group at the next meeting. Sam needs number of bike racks from Joanna. Recommendations include continued work by the committee to support community events such as bike rodeos and walk/bike to school/work events.

The committee wholeheartedly thanks Kelley, Sam, Tim & Doug for working on and submitting the application to become a Bike-Friendly town.

5. **Next meeting discussion items** –

- Bike/Ped counts: @ Route 10 (between Sachem & Downtown – probably the bridge or urban compact area); Park St & Wheelock; near schools (along Rip & Reservoir)
- Support the efforts of the SRTS task force and other outreach work
- Consider requesting a nickel an hour from each parking meter to support walking and biking or other funding.
- Sunday morning bike/walk event (small and manageable.)

6. **Next Meeting is 4:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, March 7th at the Howe.**

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Whitcomb