

## **Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Draft Minutes of April 4, 2013**

**Present:** Scot Drysdale (Chair), Carol Weingeist, Sloan Mayor, Joanna Whitcomb, Doug Deatt, Dave Dostal, Kelley Dole, & Barbara McIlroy.

### **Action Items:**

- Determine if the traffic calming committee or policy still exists?
- Kelley will work on a logo
- Make sure the 2012 Hanover Bike/Ped Plan on the town web site as well as the list of priorities.
- Send a letter to the Selectboard and Peter Kulbacki that clearly states that we have a plan (include link to plan), priorities and that Verona is our number one priority this year.
- Doug will invite Betsy McClain to our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss funding opportunities.
- Attend April 22<sup>nd</sup> Selectboard meeting when SRTS Travel Plan will be presented.
- Sloane will bring up ideas about sidewalks at Brook Hollow annual meeting.
- Joanna will contact Peter Kulbacki re: traffic calming policy/committee

1. **Minutes of March 2013** – Reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. **Upcoming events** that might warrant our support, if not our active engagement, we all agreed that we should promote such events on our blog/FB page:
  - April 22, 7:30 need to add the date for the Select Board hearing on SR2S on Monday,
  - April Earth Day/Week - Ray or Richmond School may like our help if they do anything during Earth Week
  - May 2 – Everyone is encouraged to attend Upper Valley Trails Alliance fundraising dinner at Simon Pearce <http://www.uvtrails.org/>
  - May 8 - ??? <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
  - May 13-17 - Way to Go Week <http://waytogovt.org/> Way to Go Commuter Challenge to reduce carbon footprint, save on gas, and walk or ride your way to a healthier lifestyle.
  - May 14 - Town Meeting propaganda opportunity - Agreed that having a poster or table would be a good way to spread the word about the 2012 PedBike Plan and the recent SRTS travel.
  - June 1 - National Trails Day – Please volunteer to help with trail enhancement work.
  - July 4th Parade - Thursday holiday, not sure when the town will have event? Do we want to have a float or cycle in the parade?
  - July 13<sup>th</sup> – Prouty

For next meeting, we will highlight our top 3 priorities and appropriate graphics for a poster as well as appropriate poster for SRTS. Barbara will bring suggestion box for Town Meeting.

Sloan suggested that we make T-shirts with a HBPC logo to promote walking and biking in Hanover and the HBPC. Kelley has offered to develop a few sample logos for HBPC.

3. **Rotary Pancake Breakfast and Verona Sidewalk** – Four members of HBPC attended the pancake breakfast. Several walked from Verona. Bill Young submitted report by email with recommendations on March 23rd. It was agreed that we should discuss them with Bill.

Doug reported that there no Bike / Ped accidents reported on Verona – but others have seen car accidents. Not pleasant and doesn't seem safe for kids to get to bus stops. The need for sidewalks is not clear; perhaps traffic control will solve some of the problem. Others felt that the population is high enough and school age children and 3 bus stops make it clear that at least a one-sided E side walk from Wheelock to Willow Springs makes sense.

We should also talk about how to go forward. How/when do we get input from the neighborhood? Sloan will raise the issue at the Brook Hollow annual meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Verona Process** – going ahead. Sloane volunteered to bring up this project at the Brook Hollow annual meeting, since she is still an owner there. We agreed that a meeting with neighbors, possibly at the Brook Hollow clubhouse. Sloane will ask about interest in sidewalks. Dave felt that school bus stops are a real reason for sidewalks; the children need a safe refuge. Sloane suggested we have Carolyn put together several proposals for this neighborhood, bring in Peter Kulbacki to price it. Perhaps best to ask PK how to proceed, so that Carolyn might be asked for assistance.

Motion: contact PK and ask him to set up a contract for Carolyn to study options at Verona. (Scot, Doug)

4. **Density and sidewalks**: Doug suggested we get data on pedestrian / school and auto data for proposed sidewalk in any neighborhood.
5. **Traffic Calming**: How to define this (volume / speed control) and motorist and resident attitude towards travel. He thinks that we (HBPC) should have an attitude that we can discourage travel by cars. Joanna noted that there is/was a traffic calming committee – at least it was in place when Hovey Lane got slowed down. .... Any neighborhood can ask the traffic calming committee to assess situation Joanna will ask PK about the status of this committee. And if there is a policy on this?

6. **Discussion of funding sidewalks.** One source might be the Parking Fund, which might also fund other projects. Doug and Barbara spoke with Betsy McClain about parking funds.
7. **Next year's projects** – we would like to discuss projects that Carolyn might work on for the next to study next fiscal year.
8. **Next Meeting is 4:00 to 6:00 on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Howe.**

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Whitcomb