HBPC Meeting August 6, 2014

Present: Tim Cox, David Dostal, Scot Drysdale, Hugh Mellert, Carol Weingeist

Minutes of last meeting not available.

Quick Announcements:

- Town has set aside funds for 2 beacons for crosswalks at Carter and Rt. 120, and at Currier and S. Main.
- There will be a NH Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation Safety Conference in Concord on, Wed. Sept. 24.
- Peter Kulbacki told Carol Weingeist that 1.) Town of Hanover has submitted a letter of intent for a Federal grant application to extend the sidewalk on west side of Lebanon St. to the Tansy Tract. Town is waiting for next steps to see if can apply for an 80/20 funding matching grant. 2.) Gile Hill project is also exploring a grant for a sidewalk. Tim Cox suggested we follow up with Peter Kulbacki about the lane drop issue as part of the Gile Hill sidewalk/MUP connector to Tansy Tract.

Valley Rd. Advisory Lane status update: Peter Kulbacki told Carol W. that signage has been ordered. Striping Valley Rd. will occur after receiving the signs. There was discussion about a previously existing three way stop that had been located at Dana, Tyler and Valley Rd. corner. It seemed to be successful at slowing traffic on Valley Rd., but a corner neighbor was annoyed by cars' stopping at the stop signs adjacent to his house & the Town removed the stop signs at house owner's request. Carol mentioned that Lyn Miller, a Rip Rd. resident, stated at the open Advisory Lane meeting that Rip Rd. is eager for Advisory Lane to calm traffic and make it safer for children to ride and walk to schools. Lyn had shared that approximately 80% of current homes on Rip Rd. have children. They would like an Advisory Lane installed before school starts in the fall. However, the Valley Rd. pilot project installation is the first step to introduce and inform the Town to Advisory lanes before its being considered for other locations. And Rip Rd residents will need to meet to discuss.

West Wheelock Working Group is forming pursuant to last year's design charrette. Vicki Smith of Hanover Planning Dept. would like HBPC to make a list of bike/ped improvements for this corridor. The Planning Dept, asked David Dostal for names of possible sub-committee names to submit my mid-November. David will email HBPC members for volunteers for the sub-committee.

Free Bike Program per Scot's Email: Putney, Vt now has a free bike program, as a regional example. Tim Cox told us that Hanover resident, Roger Lohr, is suggesting that Hanover develop a similar program. Roger is willing to organize and encourage this program. Tim Cox mentioned that Dartmouth's bike program should also be involved. Tim Cox and Scot Drysdale offered to work with Roger on this project. Other volunteers are needed and we will discuss at Sept. Meeting.

Annual Selection of new HBPC Chair for our September meeting. Please consider stepping up to that position.

Crosswalk "Hot List" to get added to Carolyn Radisch's DPW task list: Barbara McIlroy to discuss at next meeting.

Status Update on Lyme Rd. MUP: Doug Deaett or Carolyn Radish can provide the info at next meeting. Info is part of Safe Routes to School and Hanover Master Bike Plan. We need to follow up with Carolyn or Peter Kulbacki about the 2nd tier priority. Phase I is approved and Phase 2 is not approved yet and we need to speak to Joanna Whitcomb for an update.

Crosby St. and Stadium Renovation Status: Doug Deaett is working on that project. Tim Cox mentioned promoting bike riding to football games and providing adequate bike parking close by to encourage biking to games. He suggested Dartmouth onsider giving football ticket discounts to bike riders. Need more bike parking close to work sites in town, as well. Tim suggested we work with the Dartmouth Sustainability Comm. (Rosie Kerr, student contact) to consider a bike parking survey. Consider 10 bike parking spots at Tuck Drive, Thayer, & all points along bike route.

Coop Renovation Status: Ask Carolyn Radisch the status of potential bike parking on site. Hanover, according to today's Valley News article, wants COOP to reduce size of car parking spots to increase numbers of cars in lot by 9. This will make it more difficult for shoppers to unload their carts adjacent to their cars.

Committee Membership list: Cannot find the sign in sheet from the Bike Summit meeting at the Howe Library. Town must approve annual HBPC members and needs to add Hanover Police Dept's. Rep., Michael Evans to the list. Kelly Dole has moved to Lebanon. Consider Janice Starkey.

Budget Hearing/Parking Fund Ongoing discussion: Related: Mission-strategy-Process-Projects and an analysis of how we function. Doug wants to review ideas, opportunities & process. Janice Starkey is tracking projects. Delay discussion to next meeting.

Consider Advocating Ordinances for Planning Board to Adopt: Delay for Doug Deaett's participation. Need standards and ordinances for bicycle and pedestrian aspects and requirements within Town.

New Project Status Tracker and Maintenance for Bike/Ped Documents: Janice and Doug to discuss at next meeting.

Education Outreach (per Bike Friendly Feedback Document): WE need to form a sub-Committee to consider possible future events. Should include 4th of July event, the Prouty, Hanover Bike Rodeo and consider coordinating with Bike to Work Day. Speak to Roger Lohr about this.

Postponed Items:

- Carol suggested we ask Dartmouth Sustainability Comm. (or Bike Comm?) to join us at our meetings (& Dartmouth Sustainable Move-In is on Sept 9th).
- Streetlight at Black Visual Arts Center/or crosswalk at Spaulding
- UVLSRC food access (bike to grocery stores) feedback: Confirm sub-comm. names and pick a date to do this work. Review maps.
- Thermoplastic sharrows on Leb and Park Sts. Ask Peter Kulbacki when?
- No Bike/Skateboard stencils on Main St. Ask Mike Evens
- Ask Mike Evans about speed tracking records on Valley Rd.

Meeting closed at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Weingeist