

Hanover Bicycle / Pedestrian Committee Minutes of October 2, 2014

Present – Doug Deaett, Dave Dostal , Mike Evans, Barbara McIlroy, Hugh Mellert, Tim Cox, Bill Young, Joanna Whitcomb and special guest Carol Weingest.

1. Minutes: Dave moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 4, Barbara seconded and unanimously approved. Joanna abstained.

2. Membership: HBPC membership includes Tim Cox, Doug Deaett, Dave Dostal, Scot Drysdale, Mike Evans (HPD), Sloane Mayor, Hugh Mellert, Barbara McIlroy, Athos Rassias (Selectboard) Joanna Whitcomb, Bill Young & Carolyn Radisch (ORW consultant to advise HBPC). Keep the following folks on the mailing list as non-voting members: Carol Weingest, Janice Starkey, Kelley Dole, Mike Whitfield & Charlie Sullivan.

3. Meeting Time & Length: Stick with the 4 pm time slot on the 1st Thursday of the month. Is one hour enough? It might be possible if the agenda is tight. Let's try 90 minutes and if we need more time, the Chair will duly note in the agenda that additional time may be necessary.

4. HBPC Officers & Quorum: Chairperson Bill has requested that we consider increasing the number of officers for the committee to be more efficient and more supportive. Joanna moved to have a vice chair and secretary, Dave seconded and the committee unanimously supported. Joanna offered to be secretary with Barbara as back up. No one volunteered to be vice chair so it was decided to postpone.

Given that we've identified that there are 12 members, several who find it hard to attend regularly, it was agreed that 5 members will constitute a quorum. There will be an agenda with time limits distributed prior to the meeting. The chair will ask for agenda items and decide the priority then bring back to the committee. If there are too many items, the chair will make the decision to add time or eliminate items.

Chair Bill would like to encourage Project Leaders and have them report back to HBPC at the monthly meeting. It was agreed that the work group would provide a brief summary or bulleted memo about what happens. Tim noted: "Brevity is the soul of wit."

Bill asked Dave & Hugh to help track efforts of the committee – perhaps provide a Dashboard. Dave suggested that we use a Google doc to track the effort. Hugh mentioned that the Hanover Conservancy has a good Dashboard and he'd see if they would share their template.

5. Mobility Hub: Congratulations to the town & Hanover Inn for great work. General consensus is that it looks great and seems to be working well. The information kiosk & bus shelter will be installed at a later date – probably in the spring

6. Valley Road Update: Advisory lanes have been painted on Valley Road. General feedback is positive. Several observations are that we should document the difference. There have been traffic counts and observations. Mike has some June data and Sept radar data that needs to be analyzed. He will work with Bill and distribute the results. Carol will work with Bill to collect another round of data/survey.

What are the measures of success:

- Modified behavior
- Slowed traffic
- Happiness
- Psychological effect – it's a pedestrian space

7. Bicycles belong in the street not on the sidewalks.

General feeling is that stencils would be better than nothing. Signs are a form of education. The committee unanimously agreed that we should send a letter to Julia and Peter requesting a pilot program on the downtown sidewalks in concert with Dartmouth educating its students. Mike agreed to reach out to Middlebury and Burlington enforcement folks to see how they address people riding their bikes on the sidewalk.

Hugh & Joanna will see what they can do about Dartmouth by connecting with Safety & Security, Sustainability and Transportation & Parking Office. The Dartmouth Employee Wellness Fair (10/7) will have an Healthy Transit table that includes safe biking options.

8. Priority Projects – how do we identify and address them?

Barbara and Bill will merge the Plan's priority list with Bill's list and then Dave and Joanna can put them into a Google doc. At November

9. Funding – To be discussed at the next meeting. Budget request items need to be ready for November 10th.

Next Meeting is on Thursday November 6 from 4-5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Whitcomb