

Hanover Bicycle Pedestrian Committee (HBPC)
DRAFT Minutes for January 8, 2015.

Present: Scot Drysdale, Bill Young (chair), Barbara McIlroy, Erica Wygonik. **NO QUORUM.**

Visitor: Rich Gregor, Balch Hill Lane, chair of Gile Hill Residents Association (where he owns a condo).

Minutes: Approved with two small corrections for December 4 2014 minutes:

- Erica brought up the subject of more appropriate street lighting, meaning lower light poles and full cut-off shades. Peter told us that Liberty Utilities plans to replace street lighting on N park and Hanover Center Road. It wasn't clear just what type of street light we were going to get.
- It wasn't clear that the two pedestrian crossing lights (now at DPW) were to be installed at Lebanon & Brockway-Carter and S Main & Currier. Peter indicated there may be other sites under consideration (no elaboration on this). So a letter to neighbors is on hold.

Lebanon Street MUP update: Erica learned that the Lebanon Bike/Pedestrian Committee had arranged a visit with Nate Miller (director Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission UVLS RPC). She understood that Hanover's grant application for bike/ped infrastructure on Sand Hill (Lebanon Street) was ranked third of the three by the RPC, and now all grants will go forward to the state DOT for review.

Sidewalk from Buck Road to Greensboro: Rich spoke about current status at Gile Hill: Twin Pines took responsibility after the bankruptcy of the original owner. The residents are extremely interested in a sidewalk connecting Buck Road to Greensboro Road. Twin Pines is now proposing to split off a final parcel to develop affordable rental housing (other buildings have both affordable and market condos). Originally, the owner (now Twin Pines) was responsible for building a sidewalk before selling the final condo, and the town held funds in escrow for this purpose. It appears that this agreement has been dissolved. The site is difficult.

The Gile Hill Association must sign off on this transfer of land, and there some confusion as to the status of the agreement made with the town about the sidewalk. There has been a good bit of in-decision on this sector with several interested parties: NHDOT, the UVLS-RPC and the former agreement about sidewalk installation. Since we didn't have a quorum, there is not much we can do right now except to send a letter to Julia Griffin (copy to Peter Kulbacki) asking for written clarification about who is responsible for building a sidealks and what the next steps will be to obtain a sidewalk for this critical link in the sidewalk network. Rich will let Bill know how things stand with Twin Pines, such as timing for the transfer. It was felt there is some urgency here. ***The HBPC is still very interested in seeing a lane drop to provide space for this section of sidewalk; this is discussed in the HBPC Plan on page 4-14, with diagram of a proposed solution on page 4-15.***

Planning Board Packet: Since Doug Deaett is on sabbatical from HBPC, we need someone to scan the planning board packet for items that might be of interest to the HBPC. Bill will see if Dave Dostal is willing to take on this role.

MUP on Lyme Road: Mike Chase thinks that the Multi Use Path (MUP) would add about \$40,000 to the \$240,000 cost of paving Lyme Road (Reservoir to Park section). It might happen some time after July 1, in the next fiscal year. It isn't clear where the funds will come from, but the income from registration fee (usually \$35,000 in the town's budget) might cover a good part of this cost.

Bikes on Sidewalks: Bill suggested we invite new police chief Charlie Dennis will visit us, to discuss strategy for bike / sidewalk safety and strategy.

Outreach Events for Bicyclists: Dave Dostal has offered to help with bike outreach events, such as a ‘light up your bike’ event.

West Wheelock: A planning group is progressing with a zoning proposal and related site regulations pertaining to design of rebuilding the street. Two members of the HBPC are attending most of these sessions. We need to learn when this zoning proposal will come up for discussion at the Planning Board, as HBPC may need to submit written comments on it, Barbara will try to get date from Vicki Smith. Several items of interest:

- Covered bike parking spaces. The zoning measure currently is for one parking space for every 4 bedrooms. We need hard data on typical bike use by residents of graduate housing near campus. Barbara has asked for help with this from Tim McNamarra, who has contacted the resident advisor about bikes associated with the 111 units on N Park Street.
- The zoning will have reduced parking requirements for vehicles.
- Adjacent landowners would be permitted to build structures to the side lot lines (the buildings would have firewall between them); this measure will help to reduce the number of curb cuts on the street, and this measure should be a great incentive to re-build the area. Currently the town has nearly 20 curb cuts on this short stretch of a busy road.

Crosswalk updates:

Maynard Street: Scot reported that Maynard Street now has a minimal speed table and no painted stripes and seems to be in its final state. He has heard that it takes quite a wait to cross safely. The only markings are two sets of painted triangles. It isn’t clear that the crossing is as helpful as the previous treatment. This is an agenda item for next meeting.

Crosswalk signals: We will notify neighbors once we know where the new pedestrian signals will be placed. At our November meeting, we learned from Peter Kulbacki that the Currier / Main and Carter / Lebanon crossings that HBPC suggested are not a sure thing. Bill will confirm locations. Apparently there is some concern at DPW about which of the possible crossing signals is most effective.

Crosswalk at CoOp – Erica reported to DPW a crosswalk signal that wasn’t working at this spot.

HBPC Letter to Selectboard – The current version feels a lot like an annual report. It needs a few edits. Members will be asked again to review and send edits / comments to Bill.

Next Meeting: Thursday Feb 5th at 4pm.