

Hanover Bicycle Pedestrian Committee (HBPC)
DRAFT Minutes for February 5, 2015
Howe Library

Committee Members Present: David Dostal, Scot Drysdale, Bill Young (chair), Joanna Whitcomb, Hugh Mellert, Tim Cox, Mike Evans and Athos Rassias. **Guests:** Rich Gregor, Balch Hill Lane, chair of Gile Hill Residents Association (where he owns a condo) and Peter Clark, Gile Hill resident.

1. **Minutes:** Approved January 5, 2015 minutes as presented. Note that guests questioned the accuracy of the Gile Hill notes concerning funds.

2. **Public Comments:**

Sidewalk from Buck Road to Greensboro: Rich spoke briefly about current status at Gile Hill. He had a 2 minute conversation with Vicki Smith. She noted that an application had been filed for funds to construct a sidewalk connecting Storrs to Tanzi Tract but it was not funded.

Rich and Peter would like to report back to the Gile Hill Home Owners Association that we support a sidewalk (and a bus shelter too.)

The committee recommended that the guests schedule a meeting with Julia Griffin to better understand the status of the sidewalk and perhaps Peter too, to learn about the schedule.

Sidewalks adjacent to Medical Center Drive run from Irving Station to Gile Hill and then on both sides of the road to DHMC. It is not maintained. Historically, it's been a seasonal path which was before Gile Hill had residents. Also, the bus stop is inaccessible. Now that several hundred people live at Gile Hill, 50% of whom probably work at DHMC, but they can't take 13 minute walk to work because of the seasonality of the trail. The signage is comical...
Photo provided by Peter Clark.



Action: The committee members agreed that a letter should be sent to support the four-season use of the sidewalks at DHMC, due to changing times. Gail Dahlstrom would probably be the best person to contact at the hospital and Julia Griffin with a copy sent to Pete Kulbacki.

3. **Chair Update:** Funding from TAP was not approved for sidewalk from Storrs to Tanzi Tract. According to Bill, Pete said that as far as he knew the town is still planning to provide the labor to construct a sidewalk from Buck Road to Greensboro.

Dave Dostal has agreed to be the Planning Board contact.

Congratulations to Mike Evans on his new position. We're thrilled to have Mike continue to participate.

4. **Selectboard presentation is on Monday, February 9th**. Betsy suggested that we plan to present our report about 8:15 pm or so. We agreed to hit the highlights of our 2014 work (see report), explain our big picture priorities, FY16 opportunities and then where we will focus our work in 2015.

- A. Our greatest priorities are to improve and make it safer for bikers and pedestrians as they enter downtown from Lyme Road (Safe Routes to School), West Wheelock, Route 120 & Route 10.
 - Safe routes to school includes a sidewalk on Verona Road sidewalk/Girl Brook path
 - West Wheelock Gateway District (zoning & site plan changes, need infrastructure fixes)
 - Connection from Storrs Road to DHMC/Gile Hill
 - Bike lanes on Route 10

- B. According to the tentative FY16 schedule of projects per Hanover DPW, the opportunistic work is:
 - MUP on Lyme Road
 - Ray School Reservoir Road & Ledge Road intersection
 - Main Street from CVS to the bridge

- C. Goals of 2015 HBPC work
 - Outreach and education (Light up your bike, safety night @ Dartmouth/HHS)
 - Continue support of ongoing efforts (advisory lane and crosswalk improvements)
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Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5th at 4pm.

Respectfully prepared by,
Joanna Whitcomb