

Hanover Bike / Pedestrian Committee (HBPC) Draft Minutes of April 2, 2015

Present: Bill Young (chair), Hugh Mellert, Erica Wygonik, Barbara McIlroy, Scot Drysdale, Tim Cox, Joanna Whitcomb & Carolyn Radish.

1. March Minutes

Minutes for March meeting were approved.

2. Updates

HBPC annual report was submitted to the Town. **Thanks and compliments were given to Bill Young for submitting it to the town and doing such a great job.**

Thank you note was sent to the Medical Center (Gail Dahlstram) and others for plowing the MUP on Medical Center Drive. It was plowed within a short time of HBPC letter.

Town Meeting is May 12th – we may consider doing something for the evening meeting. Safety at Night Bike Event on May 15th at 7 to 9 pm – Dave is looking for 3 to 5 people to help table at this event.

3. Bike Ped Master Plan - ORW

Lyme Road MUP- Based on the work that was developed during the Safe-Routes-To-School, a MUP was proposed for the west side of Rte 10 and a sidewalk on the east side. There is a 50' pinch point at the Girl Brook dip. This summer the town will be re-building Lyme Road with a MUP, not the sidewalk on the east side. It will include a 12' MUP with a 6' tree lawn and 5' bike lanes on both sides.

The challenge will be the intersections at the roundabout and N Park. Both need to be thoroughly designed to make sure we get it right as both ends have issues. **Tim Cox moved to have ORW work with the town to provide detailed design assistance with the MUP particularly at the transition areas at either end of the new path as well as the pedestrian crossings. Barbara seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.** The committee would like to review these plans and would like to recommend the town work with Dartmouth on this effort to ensure adequate space. It also was noted that abutters to the project should be notified of the project. This is something that the HBPC could help publicize this work, if the town would like assistance.

There was discussion that the N Park and Lyme Rd intersection are challenging for pedestrians and the light is not bike-friendly.

South Main Street from CVS to Mink Brook - There will be a re-paving project on South Main Street this summer. **Bill Young moved to have ORW work with the town on design to make the most of this effort. Joanna seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.**

4. West Wheelock Zoning

Barbara noted that the West Wheelock Working Group has identified the streetscape as an important component of the re-development of West Wheelock. The group agreed to take up this subject in June.

5. Route 120 / Greensboro / Buck Road / Gile Housing

The Gile Tract residents are very anxious to have a safe way to get to town. They would like a sidewalk. We talked about dropping a lane. It was noted that the town supports this but the state requires a comprehensive traffic study before they will consider it. The MUP application did not receive funding.

One option might be for the state road to become part of the urban compact area so when the opportunity presents itself, the town could drop the lane, provide a safer route for pedestrians and bikers.

Next Meeting - May 2

We need members to RSVP. Bill will encourage each of them to make a special effort to attend our meetings.