

HBPC MEETING

Minutes October 1, 2015

Attendance: Dave Dostal (temp chair), Tim Cox, John Leigh (DHMC), Barbara McIlroy, Hugh Mellert and Erica Wygonik.

Visitors; Peter Clark (Gile Resident), Janice Starkey, Boris Menkov, Alison Kapadia (Lebanon Street Sand Hill neighborhood residents).

Minutes from September 10, 2015: moved and approved as circulated.

Meeting times: Due to schedules of some members, we decided to cut the difference. The committee will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 and hope that most members can be present much of that hour.

120 Subcommittee: The committee outlined issues and discussed the draft letter to Select Board. The letter was modified and approved for Bill Young to send on to the Select Board, with a request for agenda time in near future. The committee discussed some of the details, safety issues, had many questions about the sidewalk plans, and the 'issues with MUPs' that Lyme Road has aroused. The subcommittee was directed to contact Carolyn Radish to help prepare a presentation about the safety and other issues for non-vehicular use of this important commuter corridor, including moving the bus stop and testing a pop-up lane drop. Peter Clark from the Gile community indicated that moving the crosswalk to access the bus stop was critical. Barbara shared some data provided by Van Chestnut regarding boardings at the Buck Road Advance Transit stops.

Snow Removal for Gile Residents: John stated that DHMC plows Medical Center Drive, and we are not yet certain who plows past the Gile entrance, the Gas Station, bus stops and out to 120. The bus stops are a particular challenge for pedestrians in the winter. John couldn't promise that one of the MUPs along this road could be plowed for pedestrians / bicyclists, as there are costs and safety concerns about ice, etc. The Gile residents are sending a letter to Steve Cutter about this, and we will then learn where the topic goes. But it has been established that *DHMC owns the land with the MUPs*.

Sand Hill Neighbors: Several residents spoke about safety concerns for children and adults, in particular the need for a safe crosswalk across 120 (esp for children to reach the school bus stop) and a strong desire for sidewalk on the West side of the street just South of Storrs Road. Janice shared a letter that was co-signed by (10?) different homeowners. The neighbors plan to meet to discuss the issues. The neighbors were advised to be present in force if/when the Select Board schedules a meeting with HBPC to discuss these many issues. The group discussed getting the radar counter on NH 120 to gather speed data and slow traffic.

Sept 29 Bike Friendly Event: The event was mentioned and it should be successful, since many key players have been lined up.

Lyme Road MUP: The confusion about the current state and purpose and some angry letters to editor were discussed. Hot potato. We discussed talking to Nate Miller at UVLSRPC about marketing and working with the press. We also discussed putting together some talking points. The talking points would be used in email responses, press releases, and posts to the area listservs.