

Minutes Bike/Ped committee meeting 11/05/2015

Attendance: Bill Young, Janice Starkey, Hugh Mellert, Barb McIlroy, Erika Wygonis, Athos Rassias, Dave Dostal, Joanne Whitcomb, Scott Hunt, Scot Drysdale, Jonathan Schwartz.

The committee welcomed two Boy Scouts working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. maxwelllow@hanovernorwichschools.org (contact) 3 Parents were also present.

Welcome to Scott Hunt and Jonathan Schwartz- new members. The town office will be notified and the website updated.

Sand Hill Safety and Side Walk Proposal.

Janice Starkey presented her report on Sand Hill Road that will be made to the Select Board. The slides for this talk were included with the agenda. The committee thought that she and her neighbors had done an excellent job. The two members of the Select Board who were present thought that the slide showing 50 accidents along that stretch of road were especially compelling. It was also suggested that the presentation point out that the sidewalk not only helps the immediate neighborhood, but also allows townspeople to walk to the Tanzi Wilderness without walking on Rt. 120.

Janice made similar presentations to Hanover Police Chief and Lieutenant Brad Sargent, and DPW Director Peter Kulbacki.

We discussed the Buck Road to Greensboro sidewalk, and discussed how best to present it to the Select Board. Motion: We approved having the Route 120 Subcommittee led by Barbara McIlroy coordinate presentations by her subcommittee and Janice Starkey to the Select Board on December 7.

Work Groups and Leaders for 2015-16 Projects.

-Leaders are encouraged to recruit helpers from the HBPC or Community.

Route 120—Barbara McIlroy. HBPC Priority.

Bike Friendly—Tim Cox

Bill will ask Tim Cox to take the lead on the Bike Friendly Communities proposal for Hanover. Tim was the lead person in 2013. It is due in February. Joanna Whitcomb recommended using Dartmouth activities as part of the town application.

Dartmouth Education and Encouragement. –Scott Hunt

We need better communication and coordination with Dartmouth about bicycle education and safety. Scott Hunt will help with this. Joanna Whitcomb, Hugh Mellert, Scot Drysdale are Dartmouth savvy. Bill is also interested.

Advisory Lane update: Bill Young

We will not be able to get the speed counts from police department equipment, because they no longer have that equipment. Bill will work with Erica to organize and hopefully publish our experience.

Lyme Road MUP and Spring Event: Bill Young plus Jonathan Schwartz and Erica
We discussed the concerns raised by bicyclists about the lack of a southbound bike lane and the stop sign at the driveway to the golf course. We want to have an event in the spring to celebrate the opening of the MUP. Perhaps we can organize one celebration on a school day for children and another on a Saturday for townspeople. Bill will be in charge of this. Erika will help as time allows. We should ask people on the planning group for the Safe Routes to School proposal to help out. Jonathan will also help out.

Post Meeting Public Input

John Tomassi-Leader of Thursday No Drop Richmond School "C" Level Riding Group.

John is not pleased with the MUP and thought of sending a letter to the Valley News regarding 13 things he did not like but chose to meet with the HBPC. The primary plan in Safe Routes to Schools with 2 walks plus on road bike lanes was not followed. Southbound cyclists do not feel comfortable or safe. The absence of "sharrows" adds to this discomfort. It is unclear that adult cyclists are welcome on the bike path. Stop signs at drive to pump station/ golf course maintenance do not make sense to him.

Bill encouraged John to write us with his concerns. This will inform our future planning. Bill will follow up with the DPW regarding sharrows. Our understanding is that it is too cold now to paint.