

HBPC Minutes December 10, 2015

Attendance: Dave Dostal (temp chair), Hugh Mellert, Barbara McIlroy, Scott Hunt, Scot Drysdale

Visitors: Peter Clark (Gile Resident)

Minutes from November 2015: moved and approved as circulated.

Gile Hill/Buck Rd Sidewalk and overall Rt. 120 situation:

At HBPC's select board presentation there was some concern about a remark that the Gile/Buck sidewalk might be a 2-year implementation. The committee feeling was that it might have been an offhand remark and we need to be careful to not overreact.

Discussion of the overall Rt. 120 situation yielded agreement that, while there are some things that can be done piecemeal, the bus stop relocation, crosswalk, and bike-compatible turn signal at Greensboro really ought to be done as a package with the sidewalk. The committee would like to ask Peter about any economies he sees with splitting up this package.

Will the above work require a meeting with the DOT?

For future progress, the most important immediate step is seen as asking Peter if he will provide cost estimates for all the bullet items on the select board presentation's summary page. Without cost info, the select board cannot act.

Regardless of what is done in 2016, perhaps some resources can be committed to doing design work for the Storrs-to-Tanzi sidewalk section. This section has complicated engineering requirements and might need significant design before cost estimates can begin.

There was agreement that the Rt. 120 project would benefit from Nate Miller's (UVLSRPC) and Upper Valley TMA's (Vital Communities) involvement. Committee member Scot Drysdale has recently gotten involved with TMA.

Subcommittee Reports:

Subcommittee heads were not present, and therefore reports were not discussed.

Lyme Rd MUP:

Several key items were identified for resolution before the spring "grand opening" of the MUP.

- 1) Stop signs at the golf course maintenance driveway need to be examined. Can this intersection be treated in a way that gives MUP users right of way?
- 2) Full size sharrows are desired for the southbound vehicle lane. The clear #1 complaint about the MUP has been from "fast & fearless" cyclists who want to stay on the road and regret that their previously generous shoulder has severely shrunk. This constituency needs to have their right to the road broadcasted.
- 3) Signage for MUP users. The discussion brought forth a desire is to keep it simple and choose only a few themes or rules to concentrate on. "Pass on the left" was the top suggestion.

Other notes:

The committee is pleased to observe that the Valley Rd advisory lanes got re-stripped and are in good shape.