

Present: Bill Young, Peter Clark, John Leigh, Dave Dostal, Barbara McIlroy, Hugh Mellert, Erica Wygonik, Scott Hunt, Scot Drysdale, Guest-Lyn Miller

DPW:

Lyn Miller, a Rip Rd. resident, attended and briefed the Committee on community organizing efforts to better manage traffic on Rip Rd. This effort started in 2003. She outlined the community outreach, noting that 7-8 new families with children have expressed support for some form of advisory lane. Rip Rd neighbors have been canvassed about what they want to see – 20 people have signed on to support an advisory lane experiment – 5 said no. She believes this to be the cheapest opportunity to experiment with safety improvements. She has also reached out to residents living above and below Rip Rd. Peter K. indicated that line painting could start in summer. The town can easily return to center yellow lines if this experiment doesn't work.

She also noted that she had received some negative reaction on the Lyme Rd. MUP, but this had possibly resulted from a lack of accurate information.

Bill discussed advisory lanes – passed around literature – mentioned use of advisory lanes nationwide. He noted that Peter K. said the Rip Rd. advisory lane would be the same as Valley Rd. This is not a “temporary” lane, but since the paint will wear away, it can easily be returned to its prior condition if the experiment is not successful.

Lynn has a Go-Pro camera and will set up to monitor traffic and pedestrian use. She was cautioned about privacy issues.

HPBC Annual Report:

Bill noted that the report had been submitted and thanked everyone for the editing support.

Bike to school:

May 4 – Will start at 7:30. Bill noted that it would be good to have volunteer at head of MUP (at Park St.) advising kids on how to cross the intersection to the MUP. The ribbon cutting will be near north end of MUP - near the firehouse. Lynn volunteered to take photos. Two volunteers are needed and Bill will send around a volunteer poll for time slots.

Valley Rd. traffic count:

This will be done on May 3. Originally planned for one 12hr shift, but suggestion was for multiple 3-4hr shifts as perhaps more feasible. Volunteers needed. Bill will organize.

Green Key Dartmouth/Hanover Bike/Walk Visibility Event plus Silly Walk and Jay Walkers Anonymous.

May 21 Saturday 4-8 PM Robinson Hall and Cross Walk.
Collaborators: Dartmouth Safety and Security, Wellness (\$200), Hanover Police, Parks and Recreation, Upper Valley Running Club and Hanover Improvement (\$200). Seeking more donations to purchase reflective slap bands and/or lights. Leaders: Dave Dostal and Bill Young.

Volunteers: Safety Information People #2, Silly Walk guides #2, DartMOOse #1

Bicycle Friendly Community BFC and University BFU

Applications for Community and University both due Aug 9 – Leaders Tim Cox BFC and Scott Hunt BFU. Tim will schedule meeting soon to fill in application. Scott wants to get it done by April 20.

Traffic skills 101 course-May 14. All day. See flyer attached.

Will be held on May 14. Scott said he is looking for committee members to sign up – Hugh Mellert and Scott Hunt (registered and \$75 fee paid as Dartmouth employees. Hanover Improvement Society- \$150 donation request to support two community members -Dave D. is interested. Are there other HBPC members?

For the May 14 event, a trainer will be invited to teach an all-day class to learn valuable on-road skills. Scott said that anyone attending this class (and the next 2.5 day class) will be a certified Cyclist Skills Trainer. There is a proposal that every incoming Dartmouth student take a bike safety class. Dartmouth has put up \$500 (total cost is \$1100). Currently we need to make up \$600 deficit. Scott indicated he would like a community members to be included. He could fill up the class with Dartmouth people, but needs people who will pay. Scott will coordinate outreach to Lebanon Parks and Rec, Hanover Parks and Rec, Omer and Bobs. So far 4 confirmed (including Scot and Hugh) – but need 4-6 more people.

Question: HBPC go to Julia and ask if town can make it up?

Bill recommends filling spots with appropriate community (Hanover, Lebanon, other) \$75 registration paying participants if possible.

Lyme Rd. MUP:

Bill reviewed the conversation with Peter K re the MUP stop signs that many have asked to be changed. Peter said he would do something about stop signs, but left it open as to what exactly the town will do. (4.11,16-report that Stop signs have been removed) Peter said the town will put in other guidance signs and is researching national standards to know precisely what to do. Temporary non-official signs are OK and will likely be placed in May. Will put trees in on MUP this year – no firm schedule yet. DPW will be present for Ribbon Cutting May 4.

Bike Rodeo:

Scott is running. Bill passed around literature on setting up events. See Attached. Rodeo will be at the Ray school on May 7th from 9-10:30 – four volunteers are needed at 8:45. There will be an organizational meeting on 4/22 at 5:15 to go over specific tasks. The rodeo will focus on bike skill enhancement. Bike safety inspection will be available. Omer & Bobs has offered to help with the inspection. Hanover PD will provide two officers to check for safe helmets – and answer questions on town statutes – possibly w/ an ambulance? Stations: 1 Registration. 2 Practice area. 3 Helmet Fit (Police) 4 Bike Fit (Dartmouth Sustainable) 5 Start 6 Stop 7 Scanning.

Scott, Dave, Scot, and Barb volunteering. Others welcome.

Route 120 Subcommittee Report

- a) The DHMC scoping RFP 6 Pages. (Request for Proposals): “Improvements that are safe and attractive for a range of users including bicyclists and pedestrians fearful of using the current bike lanes on NH 120, children, and people with limited mobility. Buffers between motor vehicle traffic

and non-motorized users are strongly preferred. Proposal was reviewed and approved by DPW, Barb Mc, John Leigh and Bill Y. DPW sent it to the 4 qualified traffic planning consultants likely to bid. The maximum cost is \$20,000. The schedule includes consultant chosen by June, public meetings, stake holder meetings, data gathering over summer, more public meetings and a final proposal by November. HBPC recommended public outreach and this is required in the RFP.

- Sand Hill: The DPW added this to the 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Plan. According to comments from Peter K at the Dec Select Board meeting, the HBPC understands that drafting has started for the Sand Hill Sidewalk. Erica indicated that neighbors are keen to know how this is progressing, and that they are aware that ROW easements may be necessary and are keen to learn about any planning progress on the stretch of sidewalk proposed for Storrs-Tanzi. HBPC will follow up in next DPW Meeting.
- Sidewalk from Greensboro to Buck Road: The work is expected to happen this summer, but we have no idea of time-line. The HBPC recommends public outreach beyond the planned signs: "Construction Delays, etc." Recommendations include a timely letter to the Valley News and communication with major employers. Peter Clark is willing to draft a letter to editor for the HBPC to explain what is going to happen, so public has some background before the expected disruption to traffic flow that the sidewalk construction will cause. Perhaps one of the signboards should go up, but some on HBPC felt more was needed. Erica suggested we put together something in the way of a press release, with background information and contact people, for a story on the whole big picture for route 120. Probably timing should be well after Town Meeting on May 10 and when we know more about RFP. Peter Clark's Gile letter could be coordinated with this press package. Erica will draft a proposed outline for us. Bill noted that any PR must get an OK from Julia and Peter K.
- Lane Drop at Greensboro is a Possibility: Peter K indicated that since the part of the road N of Greensboro is in the Hanover Urban Compact, he thinks he can arrange for a lane drop in the S-bound lane. This will shorten the pedestrian crossing, increase ease of south bound left turning bicycles, and possibly help with AT bus stop change. Dropping a lane north of the intersection may also require a lane drop for some distance to the south to allow safe traffic transitions. These changes would need approval by NHDOT.
Plan: HBPC will follow up at next DPW Meeting. Peter Clark will draft a letter to the paper.

Next HBPC meeting:

June 2 will be the last meeting until September.