

Hanover Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee

Minutes May 5, 2016

Attendance: HBPC members present: Tim Cox, Dave Dostal, Scot Drysdale, Scott Hunt, Hugh Mellert, Barbara McIlroy (temp scribe), Erica Wygonik, Bill Young (chair).
Visitors: Chris Huston, Matt Huyck, Kelly Dent, Da-Shi Hu Karen Huyck

Minutes from April: Approved, as circulated. Thanks to Peter Clark for doing them.

Public Input:

Dunster Drive Flashing Signal Neighbors Chris, Matt and Karen described conditions in crossing S Main Street at Dunster Rd. They first relayed concern about cross walk there 4 years ago. There is an increasing number of children in the neighborhood, both sides of S Main. Cars are fast, and even with flashing signal light, people still speed and the road not safe for children. There is an AT bus stop near intersection, so another source of pedestrians. Poison ivy is a deterrent for pedestrians who are waiting on the E side of the street, as there is no sidewalk there. The hill is steep at the flashing light light, and visibility is poor for pedestrian (especially those of small child size). Seems like a good case. The town blames the state, as that is the NH-DOT territory.

Dave reviewed history of new crossing and safety island at Sacheem Field: He reported that neighbors got involved due to fatality there, the presence of bus stop, sidewalk on other side, money issues. The UV-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) was involved in helping make things happen at Sacheem, and the Lebanon Planning office also was involved, and a public meeting was held for all parties. The Dunster neighbors need to do some homework. Erica suggested bringing in the NH DOT bike/ped folks at DOT to help negotiate with NHDPT District 2 traffic folks. Organize neighbors. Erica and Dave will work with the neighbors.

Lyme Road MUP: DaShih Hu lives N of the MUP, and spoke as a driver who is unhappy with the MUP and the lack of notification about the project. He expressed concern (his and his neighbor's) about the speed indicator signal. Hugh noted that before the MUP cars went at 45 MPH. Erica commented on the connection between speed and pedestrian fatalities. The speed signal does help slow down cars, as do the narrower lanes. Tim commented on auto centric mentality, and noted that slowing cars in urban setting enables all modes of transportation and that this has been a stated goal in Hanover's planning. It was noted that there are schools nearby and the HBPC is interested in making roads safer for young bicyclists. There is still range of future steps to finish the MUP details.

Chair's Report

- See separate HBPC and DPW Report
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- May 7 – bike Rodeo. See below.
- May 10 Town Meeting. We will have table there.
- Prouty July 9-10 Bicycle Event . The group felt that we should repeat the HOWE 2 Fix Your Bike event. (June 19 Sunday was selected) Tim knows of a volunteer bike-repair person. It might be helpful to use the use the 8-minute National Bike Videos used at Ray and Cross Roads Schools before the Rodeo. The 8 minute adult video is

excellent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike Friendly Community and BF College Update: Tim Cox, Bill, Scott Hunt will help work on these applications. They thought that Carolyn Radish might have some data to share. Applications are due in August. They believe that recent educational and outreach activities will improve the application. The goal is that the proposal will be done by end of June. They need stats on campus ridership.

Route 120 RFP Process –

Buck-Greensboro Sidewalk: Barbara reported that the HBPC members should take a look at the letter-to-editor Peter Clark drafted about the construction of the Buck / Greensboro sidewalk. Letters were distributed and Bill will request feedback from committee members. Members present felt that several outreach efforts could get the public educated, including the digital sign. Tim wants to explore further ways to help get the word out. Scot Drysdale thought the Greensboro neighbors might like to get more information about the changes coming soon. The North bound bus stop may be moving up to Greensboro (north side) of the new crosswalk there.

DHMC Scoping Study: A small group (John Leigh, Peter Kulbacki, Bill Young, Barbara McIlroy) will be reviewing the two proposals that have arrived for the feasibility / scoping study for MUP from Tanzi to Med Center Drive and the applicants will be interviewed on May 10.

TS 101 Course Plan May 13 All Day - Scott Hunt is leading with Dave, Hugh, and Scott attending.– funding all OK for this. There is still room to have a few more participants. Listing was made in Valley News Calendar.

Certification Course for Trainers. Scott H reported that there are two sessions in July, if anyone interested in being a certified bike-safety instructor. The HBPC should have at least one American League of Cyclists trainers for the town and college. Scott is willing. Funding is needed: \$300 registration plus travel to Washington. The HBPC recommended asking for funding from the town.

Bike Rodeo Plan – May 7, elementary school children will learn fundamental safety for bikes. Police will be at the rodeo. Three stations: Helmet and Bike Fit, Start, Stop and Scan. Scott Hunt is leading with Scot Drysdale, David Dostal, Erica Wygonic, Clare Brauch-teacher, HPD, Fire and Rescue, and PTO helping.

Walk to School and Ribbon Cutting- The event went off really well, with more than 160 school walkers and bicyclists. Razor-scooters, baby strollers and parents on the MUP, DartMoose, DPW representation, Willy Black and trombone, and the briefest of remarks by Julia Griffin prior to the even briefer ribbon cutting. Scott Hunt reported that kids are very unsure about how to cross at the Park / Lyme intersection. Scott will write up a PP to describe the problems we observed there. Erica has some good graphic signs that would make sense about proper MUP behavior, and will arrange to have them printed up. They would fit into the low candidate-poster type wire holders, and are considered temporary. We can chip in to help her pay for them. Peter K has ordered several 'official' YIELD to PEDESTRIAN signs for the MUP as well. Lyn Miller took photos, some of which might be sent to the Valley News, with parental permission if child's face is visible.

Advisory Lane Valley Road Update-

Third 12 hour Valley Road Traffic Count. (See detailed report with pedestrian comments)

The Advisory Lanes appear to be safe and welcomed by most pedestrians. Traffic appears to be decreased (down from 561 to 468), slower (qualitative) and most walkers feel more comfortable. Pedestrians have increased from 132 to 172 and bicyclists are about the same
See Draft Report

	6/9/2014	10/29/2014	4/29/2016
Vehicles	561	479	468
Pedestrians	132	139	172
Bicyclists	55	44	62

Thank you to neighbors Priscilla Runstadler, Peter Runstadler, Barbara Callaway, Alan Callaway, and HBPC members Barb McIlroy, David Dostal, Peter Clarke, and Scott Hunt.

Advisory Lane Rip Road Update

Kelly Dent attended the meeting to represent the Rip Road neighborhood. We did not have time to discuss the plan. Peter Kulbacki indicated at an earlier meeting that they are likely to paint advisor lanes on Rip this summer. Kelly Dent and Lyn Miller will work with the HBPC, DPW and HPD to study the process and report findings. The HPD is counting vehicles, passing vehicles and I believe speeds on Rip now. A morning and afternoon school rush hour traffic observation is planned.

May 21 Saturday 6-8 PM Green Key Weekend at RoBo Hall and flag pole

-HBPC is leading this second Bike/Ped Encouragement, Education and Safety Event.

-Support: Hanover Improvement \$200. Dartmouth Wellness \$200. Dartmouth Safety and Security. Upper Valley Running Club, Hanover Parks and Recreation.

-Clearance: Town Permit. Dartmouth Permit. Hanover Police.

Goals: Entertain and encourage students and citizens about a) being visible when walking, running or biking at night b) safe walking and biking practices including not jay walking, not walking while distracted and not riding your bike on main street side walks.

-Location and Schedule. Robinson Hall Lawn and North Main Crosswalk to the Green.

6-8 PM (Green Key Weekend with music, food and crowd at Collis Hall next door.

Event 1. Silly Walk –Monty Python inspired. Advertise: Vox, D, Valley News

Event 2. Jay Walkers Anonymous Meetings. Leaders are being identified. Advertise.

Event 3 Survey by Dartmouth Wellness before and after.

Survey participants receive an LED Knuckle Light. \$3 value. First 100.

Event 4. 8 PM--Bike Ride Leader. Helmets, Lights, Reflective Vests, etc. Short and Fun.

Volunteers Needed. Please contact Bill

--Videographer and/or photographer. #1. Jones Media Center will provide equipment but did not find a student helper.

--Silly Walk recruiters on the street #2. Invite folks to participate and/or direct ped/car traffic.

--Jay Walk Anonymous Leaders #1 or #2. Stand up comedian opportunity.

--Bike Ride Leader-#1 or #10

-- DartMOOSE and helper #2.

--LED LIGHT Gift Givers plus collect email address and give 30 second survey.

Next Meeting-June 2. And following that we next meet on Sept 1. No July or August Meetings.