

**Safe Routes to School  
Task Force Meeting  
November 26, 2012**

**Present:** Julia Griffin (Hanover Town Manager), Jonathan Edwards (Planning and Zoning), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover DPW), Vicki Smith (Planning and Zoning), Joanna Whitcomb (Dartmouth College, Hanover Ped/Bike), Sloane Mayor (Hanover Ped/Bike), Russ Muirhead (Community member), Melanie Golder (Community member), Carolyn Radisch (consultant), Catherine Patch (Richmond Middle School PE instructor), Roger Lohr (Dresden School Board), Russ Hirschler (Upper Valley Trails Alliance), Nik Fiore (Engineering Ventures, consultant team)

**Review and Prioritize Travel Plan Recommendations**

The Task Force reviewed the *Travel Plan Recommendations draft 11-16-12*, prepared by Carolyn Radisch. Carolyn hoped to prioritize the recommendations based on plan for implementation: in the next 12 months, the next two years and sometime in the future beyond 2 years.

Julia suggested that the bike rodeo be sponsored by the Recreation Department. Catherine had already inquired about using the Kohl's trailer to support the rodeo and found that it would not be available to a school district as wealthy as the Hanover/Dresden district during the school year. All agreed that running the rodeo in the summer jointly with the Norwich Recreation Department and Police Department was a good idea. Coordinating with the Prouty was also suggested.

Education of the Police Department and various boards in Town was suggested. Starting a "Bike Notes" column in the *Valley News* was also discussed with topics such as: "What is a sharrow?" A joint column sponsored by groups in Norwich, Hanover, Lebanon and Hartford, possibly coordinated by UVTA was suggested. Catherine thought that student letters to the editor were also a way to reach a broad public.

Carolyn will talk with the PTO to try to get Bike and Roll to School regularized, monthly or even weekly. The Bridgman School Trust Fund might be tapped for funding.

Use of the variable message board was suggested for publicizing Bike and Roll to School days.

The Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee will talk with the Police Department about enforcement around biking riding on sidewalks. While it might be appropriate on Route 10 sidewalks during school drop off and pick up hours, riding should not be permitted on Main Street sidewalks. "Walk Your Bike" stencils were suggested.

Nik Fiore gave some rough estimates for implementing 'Engineering' recommendations.

A1-\$45,000

A2-\$48,000

A3-\$71,000

B -\$13,000 per speed table

\$59,000 paving the Reservoir Road path

No estimate given for improving the crossing at Reservoir and Curtiss

D-\$5000 Dresden Road closure- Peter Kulbacki recommends no bollards.

5-\$210,000 Girl Brook Trail entrance

\$36,000 Girl Brook spur to Lyme Road Partnering with Dartmouth College was suggested.

Lyme Road, Option 1- \$1.1 million

There was a lot of discussion about the options for Lyme Road. Major questions included: what side(s) of the road should have bike/ped improvements; how could the preferred option be phased; how would transitions work at the roundabout and Route 10/Park/College intersection?

Creation of a shared street at Rip Road and Curtiss would be relatively inexpensive. With one speed table added to each road, the costs would be \$7000 for Curtiss and \$9000 for Rip. Signs would be needed to re-brand those streets. Maybe a test on Curtiss could be attempted.

Julia thought it would be helpful to have Mike Chase, Mike Evans, Peter Kulbacki and Carolyn Radisch to visit Curtiss Road and devise a trial for testing the shared road concept on Curtiss.

Julia wondered if the Town's practice should become including \$50,000 to \$80,000 each year for bike/ped improvements. That would add 1% to the tax rate.

**The next meeting will be held on December 10 at 4:00 at the Training Room at the Hanover Police Department.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Submitted by Vicki Smith, Scribe