

## **BPAC Meeting April 14th, 2022 via Zoom**

### **Committee members present:**

Doug Carson  
Megan Kate Nelson  
Margaret Olson  
Ginger Reiner  
Bob Wolf

Liaisons: Ian Spencer (Public Safety)

Guests: [Bob Domnitz](#) (Mill Street, Scenic ByWay Committee)

### **Farrar Advisory Shoulder**

The advisory shoulder was installed on Farrar road on March 31st. The feedback has been largely positive with a few residents expressing concern.

The advisory shoulder was installed with approval from the FHWA as part of their pilot program. As part of that program we need to connect data on road user behavior both before and after the installation of the advisory shoulder. The DPW has installed motion activated cameras at both ends of the road and two more in the middle facing each end. The before photos were collected before the advisory shoulder was installed. We also need observation data. Brandon Lambert from Hayner/Swanson has developed a data sheet and is doing weekday observations. BPAC members will try to add to the observations in the evenings and on weekends when there tends to be more ped/bike traffic as Brandon works during the weekday. We are taking photos and observations now, when the advisory shoulder is new, and will repeat the observations after the advisory shoulder has been in for a few months. We are also planning to do a survey. The survey has not yet been developed.

The observation for from Hayner/Swanson is here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3\\_9pdMEuNp8Dm0lwl\\_uiJGDa6zRfCKB](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R3_9pdMEuNp8Dm0lwl_uiJGDa6zRfCKB)

**Walk Bike Roll To School Week 5/2 - 5/6 update:** Ian will put up the lighted signboard reminding drivers to drive carefully. The event will be run in a manner similar to last year with adult volunteers. On Sunday May 1st there will be bike checkup event concurrent with the PTO bike swap. The school principal is supportive. The kids get a bracelet for each day they ride their bikes or walk and are encouraged to collect all five colors. Last year the biggest day was Friday with 90 kids.

**Trail Mill St to Bedford Rd - site walk 4/12 update:** There is an existing trail from the transfer station to Bedford Road. The select board is investigating a solar array at the transfer station. The connection to the power grid will have to be on Mill Street as the right of way across the MMNP land between 2A and the transfer station does not permit power lines. A trail connection

from Mill Street to Bedford road suitable for family bicyclists as well as pedestrians is #6 on our priority list. If there is to be construction work in that area it's a good opportunity upgrade the existing trail to support bicyclists and connect the trail to Mill Street along the road or path created to support the solar installation.

Margaret and Bob walked the trail with Michele Grzenda and Stacy Carter from the conservation department. The trail is fairly wide and dry with one short wet spot that will need a crosswalk. The land between the transfer station and Mill Street is high and dry and appears to be free of ledge and other impediments. [Bob Domnitz's](#) driveway is along an easement across town land abutting the transfer station. We walked that as well. There is wetland between the driveway and the transfer station but it could probably be avoided. The driveway is not currently suitable for bikes.

Margaret will be meeting with the conservation commission on May 11th. Next steps are to pick this up once the solar array planning starts.

#### **Incident report at Bedford Rd & 2A:**

On Sunday the April 10th at 4:30 a bicyclist hit a westbound vehicle turning onto Bedford Road. The bicyclist was behind an eastbound car. The east bound car stopped when the westbound car failed to yield in the intersection. The cyclist hit the westbound car. The driver of the westbound car was warned for failure to yield. The cyclist was taken to Lahey Clinic and is recovering.

Bob Domnitz is one of Lincoln's representatives to the scenic byway (2A) committee. He asked if there had been other accidents and if we had accident statistics as there are members of the scenic byway committee dubious that crosswalks are necessary. This is the most dangerous intersection in town. Ian Spencer will send Bob the accident statistics.

#### **Rt 126 Railroad bridge, update:**

On Monday April 11th Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie (Planning Director), Margaret Olson, Ken Basset (Roadway & Traffic), Bob Wolfe, Chris Bibbo, and John Vancor met via zoon to review that MASSDOT 25% plan for the Rt126 railroad bridge. We had proposed an 8' sidewalk, 4' shoulders, and 10.5' automobile travel lanes. The MAssDot proposal is a 5 foot shoulder on the west side of the bridge, 10.5 travel lanes, a 2 foot shoulder on the east side of the bridge and 9' side walk. Signage would direct all bikes to the sidewalk on the east side. This treatment meets the state and federal guidelines for a 5' shoulder. The problem is that the ramp on and off the sidewalk is unsafe and inadequate. Chris and John are going back to the state suggesting that they do one of the three things: rebuild the bridge abutment to support a wider crossing to accommodate a 5' shoulder on both sides or make the separate pedestrian bridge installed during construction permanent and eliminate the sidewalk on the bridge, or use our originally proposed 4' shoulders.

**Select Board slides, work in progress:**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dw4K3HJHtl-P4SgZe-MHpercFWKVMhkcdJQedplqDy>  
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Margaret suggested that a priority slide be added between slides 3 and 4. The committee discussed that the current draft is too long for the time allotted. Bob, Ginger, and Megan will add this and continue to refine the slides. The meeting with the selectboard is on the 25th.

**Trail Sandy Pond to Mary's Way - site walk scheduled for 5/10:** David Loutzenheiser from MAPC has arranged a site walk with MASSDOT and representatives from Concord and Lincoln to look at connecting Sandy Pond Road to Mary's Way with a bicycle path. Sandy Pond Road exists onto a high speed highway off ramp.

**Other Updates:** Sue Klem from the Climate action group has asked us to write a letter of support for the Climate Action grant for a climate action plan. Margaret will write this and send it around for comment.

**Action Items:**

The minutes of 17 Mar 22 were unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 17th at 7:30