

# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

7:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Doug Carson, Jonathan Dwyer, Megan Nelson, Ginger Reiner (minutes), Bob Wolf, Margaret Olson

**OTHERS:** Jane Herlacher, Chris Murphy

## I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:35

## II. Discussion & Updates

- BPAC presence at PTO picnic
  - Picnic is Sunday Aug 21, determined no one from BPAC is available to staff a table there.
- Master Plan development
  - PB: Toward a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Lincoln (7/26/22)
    - Bob filled in the committee on the latest updates:
      - Need to meet with John Vancor and Chris Bibbo to discuss maintenance and roadway standards.
      - Paula Vaughn has become involved in the document and is making edits.
    - The committee discussed creating a more readable, shorter version of the plan for public consumption.
- Master Plan review: committees, boards, and public forum meetings
  - Bob filled in the committee on the latest updates:
    - RTC commented about making maps more readable and making sure suggestions in the plan are MUTCD compliant.
    - Committee discussed turning radii and trucks; general feeling that slowing trucks considerably for turns is acceptable.
    - Discussed the possible need to modularize projects so as to draw funding from different sources perhaps on different timelines.
    - Discussed the need to update the plan to incorporate recent trail openings by Conservation Commission.
  - Discussed additional meetings needed:
    - Green Energy / Climate Action Committee - committee thought this was a good idea
    - IDEA - committee thought this was a good idea
    - School Committee - already planned
    - 4 public forums, late Sept thru Oct, finish before SOTT

- Discussion of Conservation Commission meetings:
  - More support for opening bikes to connecting trails than to loop trails
  - Roadside paths - differing views of whether they are “bike paths” or not. Need a clarifying message. Need to make sure the master plan includes more information on these paths. Emphasize that all of these spaces are shared - roadside paths, roadways and wooded paths. Everyone needs to be not just courteous, but responsible for other users’ safety.
- Margaret brought up a federal grant called “Connecting Community” - could help with our need for a grade separated crossing of Rt 2.
- Ricci Trail update
  - Bob updated the committee on the Mill St / Bedford Rd connection
  - Jane Herlacher asked that the project consider having the trail access Bedford Rd within MMNHP land rather than through an easement.
- Advisory shoulder pilot update
  - Bob updated the committee
    - Generally well received to date
    - John Vancor’s team is putting together the interim report to the FHWA
    - Wayland’s repaving caused some excess asphalt to be spread on Farrar, partially obscuring some of the advisory shoulder striping
    - One Wayland resident voiced a complaint; discussion of the need perhaps to do outreach in Wayland as well.
    - Jane H relayed story of encountering multiple advisory shoulders in Germany. Chris Murphy told of loving it as a cyclist, would like to see different color for the advisory shoulder.
    - There was talk about having a higher density of bike symbols painted in the edge lane.
    - Pilot is 1 year, until April 2023.
    - Discussion of the idea of a press release - ultimately decided to publicize to bike twitter through BPAC twitter

### III. Action Items

- Approve minutes: 14 June 22
  -  [BPAC June 14 2022 BPAC Meeting Minutes](#)

Ginger moved the minutes be approved, Margaret seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Schedule Next Meeting
  - Next meeting set for Thursday Sept 1, 2022

JD moved we adjourn, Doug seconded, meeting adjourned 8:52 pm