

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

Thursday Sept 1 2022

7:30 PM

PRESENT: Megan Nelson, Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf, Margaret Olson, John Mendelson

OTHERS: Chris Murphy, Jane Herlacher

Notes by: Megan Kate Nelson

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:35

II. Discussion & Updates

Master Plan Development:

Bob updated the committee on the evolving Master Plan and public review:

- There are still some sections to be completed
- Paula has reviewed and edited
- Margaret owes the data
- We still have questions to answer and fill in
- Bob and Ginger are scheduling meetings with Chris and John re: specific projects and vet road standards
- There are adjustments to the maps and the project list to be made/ included - hoping to use technology to integrate GIS map of the town to make a more dynamic map, but that is probably not possible; wil continue to use Google drawing

Once all of this is done, we will have a document ready for prime time, ideally by early October

Bob and Ginger are developing slides for the public forum, which will also be the distribution to the public that is a guide the longer, print Master Plan: Bob showed teh committee the first two slides of the slide deck.

Master Plan review: committees, boards, and public forum meetings

- School Committee: scheduled for October 6
- Climate Action: tbd
- Inclusion, Diversity: tbd

- Public forums scheduled for: October 13, 20, 27, and November 2 - but not set in stone, probably over Zoom to ensure broader participation
- The specific regional locations (East/West/North/South Lincoln) tbd

Hanscom Drive update

- Conservation Commission members were talking about Hanscom Drive during their recent meeting
- Bob shared his screen to show BPAC members that the Department of Defense is going to undertake a major traffic slowing project in 2023 on 1/3 of Hanscom Drive, closest to the base
- They have integrated five foot bike lanes with two foot buffers in the plan up until the roundabout, which is great news! The committee agreed that this is a significant improvement to this small slice of Lincoln roads
- The committee discussed issues we need to follow up on with this project, including:
 - Reduced speed extended beyond project limits
 - Lobby MassDOT continues the bike lanes to 2A
 - Lobby Lincoln to extend bike lines on Old Bedford Road
 - Lobby MassDOT to integrate these improvements with the intersections of 2A and Hanscom, as well as Bedford Road and 2A
 - Ask about flashers and signage at multi-use path road crossings

Bay Circuit Trail update

- John M. had circulated a call to test-drive the section of the BCT proposed for Lincoln
- Bob did so, and came up with an alternative route to suggest to the BCT folks for cyclists, and showed the BPAC committee this map via screen share
- Bob brought this map to the Conservation Commission folks, and there were discussions about Lincoln Road vs. 126 as part of the trail network
- John suggested shifting to include a section of trails newly or previously open to bikes along Baker Bridge, and Bob will take it to the CC - Chris pointed out that this would be a great example for the town of creating connectivity through Lincoln
 - These trails are not overly crowded, as Chris, John, and Margaret pointed out (the most intensive use of trails in Lincoln is at Mount Misery, which is just a small portion of Lincoln's 80-mile trail network)
- Ginger wondered why the wooded trails in Weston and Wayland are not included in this section of the network
- Bob thinks we may have support for this

Other discussion and updates

- Update on the Ricci Trail
 - Ginger had a conversation about the timing and the possibility of working on this as part of a project in that neighborhood / solar panels at the transfer station project
 - There will be a neighborhood meeting [on October 21] about this project, and integrating trail improvements there, and near Mill Street
- Easement question about Bedford Road (west side going into the park)
 - Jane Herlacher had raised this question re: the status of this section as conservation land
 - Bob confirmed that it is - it needs widening and improvement
- PTO Back-to-School picnic has been rescheduled to Friday, September 16 (4:00-7:00 p.m.)
 - Ginger will be there with a town government committee, welcomes other BPAC participation
 - She will have fliers and an email signup sheet there
 - John will come and bring Safe Routes to School materials

III. Action Items

- The committee unanimously approved the minutes for the August 3, 2022 BPAC meeting
- John shared an article from *The Atlantic* re: e-bikes
- The committee chose a next meeting date: September 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.