

Minutes
Hanover Bike/Ped Committee (HBPC)
Rotary Rm., Howe Library
May 8, 2008, 4:00 PM

Meeting Attendees: Hugh Mellert, Chair, Bob Norman, Tom Linell, Roger Lohr, Doug Deaett, Joanna Whitcomb; Recorded by Doug Deaett and Roger Lohr

1. Call to order

Hugh Mellert called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes approval was postponed to the next meeting.

3. Business Requiring Discussion

A. Posting of Minutes on the Town Website

There will be an effort to produce the minutes of the meetings within 2 days following the meeting and will be sent to committee members by e-mail. Within the following 2 days, Tim or Doug will send a draft copy to the town office for publication on the town Website www.Hanovernh.org . Public meeting minutes are supposed to be posted or made available to the public within 6 days of the meeting in New Hampshire. A final version will be reviewed, revised if needed, at the following meeting.

B. Communication with the public

It is the desire of the committee to establish an open forum with the citizens of Hanover. Hugh will research possibilities for an online bulletin board. Periodic updates with the Select Board will also be planned.

C. Hotspot Project

The Hotspot Project is an effort to determine specific roads in Hanover that have a significant need for change to enable safe biking. The HBPC will hire an outside biking/engineering consultant to advise the town on the best way to address these unsafe areas. Funding of this project is from the town and the Hanover Improvement Society. Representatives of the committee will bike the designated roads to delineate the scope of the problems. It was suggested that all the committee members that want to participate in this discussion familiarize themselves with these hotspots so that the committee can provide an agreed perspective of these locations to the consultant. After this step the committee will interview prospective consultants for the project.

D. Route 120, Phase II Study

The HBPC wants to be certain that bicycling is included in this study. A letter has been drafted to the UVLSRPC and the Lebanon and Hanover Planning Boards to encourage including biking interests in this study. This effort will be coordinated with the Pedestrian & Cyclist Advisory Committee in Lebanon. The letter will be circulated to the HBPC for final editing, and then it will be sent to the boards and copied to the respective councils and town managers.

E. GIS Mapping Project

This project will create a digital map of biking facilities in Hanover. The consultant, Chris Lowe, will also bike all the roads and make note of biking conditions. He will be invited to the next meeting to show his existing maps and explain the project to the HBPC in more detail.

F. Coordination with Dept. of Public Works

Joanna, Doug, and other interested members will meet with Public Works Dept. to begin discussions with regard to mutual interests in the highways. It was felt that the committee should maintain a regular communication with the department and that this can be a subcommittee. Road paving is on the short term agenda.

G. Dubois-King Engineering Grant

Tom Linell noted that this engineering firm was awarding \$10,000 grants for engineering purposes. The committee discussed the idea of applying for this grant to design a better intersection at Rt. 120 and Greensboro Rd. The Region II state road engineer, Alan Hanscom will also be contacted.

H. State of NH DOT Budget

It was noted that the NHDOT is proposing an increase in the amount of funding spent on bicycle facilities. The increase would be from 1% to 3% of the annual state budget. Citizens may go to the NHDOT website (media room) to comment. Deadline for comments is June 13, 2008. It was reported to the Committee that the NH bicycle legislation is presently in Senate committee and more specifics can be learned at the www.BWANH.org Web site.

I. Capital Improvement Plan

The committee discussed the document sent to members of HBPC by town planner Jonathan Edwards regarding a list of projects within the CIP. The CIP is a list of all potential town improvements

J. Ray School Survey

Joanna announced that the Ray School Survey, which covers biking to school, was conducted and about 50 responses were received (about 480 students enrolled). A

presentation about the survey results will be given to the Hanover School Board. Some HBPC members participated in the development of the survey. The committee also discussed the bike lane on Reservoir Road.

4. Next Meeting

The next regular HBPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5 @4 PM in the Rotary Rm. of the Howe Library.