

Minutes  
Hanover Bike & Pedestrian Committee (HBPC)  
Murray Room, Howe Library  
June 5, 2008, 4:00 PM

**Meeting Attendees:** Chair Hugh Mellert, Tim Cox, Doug Deaett, Scot Drysdale, Tom Linell, Roger Lohr, Bob Norman, Charlie Sullivan, Carol Weingeist, Joanna Whitcomb, Bill Young. Guests Colin Smith, Lebanon Ped. & Bicyclist Advisory Comm., Peter Kulbacki, Hanover Public Works, Chuck Wise and Chris Lowe, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission. Recorded by R. Lohr.

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Joanna Whitcomb made a motion that was seconded by Tom Linell to approve the May 8 meeting minutes as submitted with changes. The motion was passed unanimously.** The change to item 3J was that there was a 22% response rate on the survey.

**3. Business Requiring Discussion**

**A. Peter Kulbacki, Hanover Public Works Department**

The committee spoke with Peter Kulbacki regarding problematic locations around Hanover. It was felt that the HBPC could provide input as it learns about projects that go through the public hearing process or project within developments that are streamlined. It was stated that the HBPC is very interested in projects that might impact the existing Hanover Bike Route. There was a discussion about the sidewalk that is slated to be developed from the Gile Tract Housing Project to Route 120 but it has not been designed yet. The area within town jurisdiction is easier for the public works department to address.

The committee discussed Park Street and the Dartmouth College developments there. A new bikeway is expected to be developed in that area, but it will not stretch all the way down the street. Traffic volume is an issue related to bike route development and tread width is also related to the amount of room available on a given road. West Wheelock is slated to be paved soon. The committee discussed alternatives to improve Rip Road for bicyclists and pedestrians. One suggestion was for a painted stencil to signify that the road should be shared with bicyclists. Increasing the number of speed tables\* on the road or making Rip Road a one-way

street would require Select Board action. It was felt that painting Rip Road should be delayed until the HBPC could consider more alternatives for making the road safer, particularly for kids walking and biking to and from Ray School.

The committee also discussed standards such as four or five foot bike lanes. There is interest in painting a share the road bike stencil in front of the Hanover High School. This would replace the line that was painted along the space for parked cars. Improving awareness at the bump-out areas was also suggested. The HBPC liaisons to the Public Works Department (Joanna and Doug) will keep in contact with Peter Kulbacki about prevalent issues related to bike and pedestrian matters.

### **B. GIS Mapping Project**

Chuck Wise and Chris Lowe from the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission outlined the mapping project that the HBPC is undertaking. The map would be user-friendly and incorporate commuting, recreation, and tourism. A points system would be used to decide the roads to be included on the map. The points are assigned according to priority criteria such as land use density, traffic counts, strategic routes, points of interest, and proximity to transit. There would be routes that are preferred and those that are suitable for cyclists. The Hartford project is expected to be completed by September.

The HBPC needs to decide the parameters and scope of the map area. A task force will recommend to the committee future options such as map sponsorship and an overlay of roads that are in need of improvement. Task force members that volunteered for this project include Tim Cox, Scot Drysdale, Roger Lohr, and Bill Young. Lebanon may also be interested in creating a similar map. There is great interest to develop maps that can work together regionally. The map that would be 18 x 24 and would include a separate downtown Hanover inset along with the larger map area.

### **C. Graphic Designer for logo**

Carol Weingeist knows a graphic designer that will contribute a committee logo. It was suggested that she invite the designer to the next HBPC meeting to discuss the logo.

### **D. Route 120, Phase II Study Letter**

A letter has been drafted to the UVLSRPC and the Lebanon and Hanover Planning Boards to encourage including biking interests in the Route 120 Study. The Pedestrian & Cyclist Advisory Committee in Lebanon approved the letter with changes. Suggestions were to also send it to the Lebanon and Hanover Select

Board; that the word “Route 120 corridor” is used; and that the chairmen’s contact info is included. Doug Deaett will finalize the letter, get signatures, and send it out. **Bill Young moved and Charlie Sullivan seconded the motion to approve the letter as submitted, amended, and attached to the original committee minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. Administrative Business**

Roger Lohr will produce and circulate the drafted meeting minutes to the HBPC members. Tim Cox will send the meeting minutes to the town to be posted on the town Web site. Tim will also send the HBPC mission statement to be posted on the town Web site. The committee decided that it should finalize the HBPC member names and provide member contact information to the Select Board in its August meeting when the membership will be officially approved. Additionally, it was felt that the HBPC should give a status report to the Select Board in August. Charlie Sullivan, who lives outside of Hanover, has been appointed to the HBPC by town manager Julia Griffin as an ex-officio member. The committee wants to consider developing an online bulletin board and it was suggested that more detailed recommendations on the idea should be brought to the committee (blog vs. bulletin board; linked to town Web site; control; Web master, etc.).

#### **F. Hotspot Project**

The committee needs to decide specific issues to bring up with the consultant on the Hotspot Project that would be used in the candidate interview process. The members that will consider those issues include Tim Cox, Doug Deaett, and Charlie Sullivan. The committee wants to hire the consultant to conduct the work prior to the winter.

#### **G. Sidewalk project**

The committee is interested in pursuing the Crosby Street sidewalk issue. Peter Kulbacki will be asked for background info regarding the plans in that area.

#### **H. Public Works Budget in 2009**

It was suggested that the HBPC consider expenditures for next year’s town budget within the Public Works Department and also using the license fee funds.

#### **I. Bike/Ped Police Report**

A report from the Hanover Police regarding pedestrian and bicycle statistics for 2006-2008 was included in the committee documents. There were 7 incidents involving bicycles on the report for 2006-07 with contributing factors by bicyclists

in 6 of them. It was suggested that the committee should discuss the report in the next meeting.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

The next HBPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10 @4 PM at the Howe Library.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The HBPC meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

- From Charlie Sullivan

Speed bump: about 3-4 inches high, 1-3 feet long (in the direction of vehicle travel). Used to slow vehicles to a crawl in parking lots and similar areas.

Speed hump: about 3-4 inches high, 12-22 feet long. Used to slow vehicles to 10-20 mph on roads.

Speed table: Like a speed hump, but with a flat portion on the top, and generally longer.

Speed bumps are poor choices for roads, because they are uncomfortable at 10-20 mph, but actually have less impact if you go over them fast--at 35 mph, the car's suspension absorbs them well. So they force cars to either go faster or slower than the real target speed.