

Draft Minutes

Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

June 21st, 2021

Site visit to LaPlatte Nature Park

1. Call to Order 6:31 pm
 - a. Participants: Andrew Everett, Charlie Jones (via phone), Chris Kent (Village Pedestrian Safety Committee liaison), Dave King (public), Jane Pickell, Jessica Coleman, Joplin Wistar, Kevin Boehmcke, Ted Bovill, Ted Grozier (chair and notetaker)

2. Administration
 - a. Agenda approved unanimously
 - b. Due to the expiration of the Covid-19 state of emergency, committee meetings will return to the Pierson Library.
 - c. Minutes are not intended to be transcripts of every detail and every person's comments; rather, they can and should be clear, concise summaries of issues discussed and any decisions made. Under normal statute, these must be available to the public and posted within five days of a meeting. Under the State's pandemic emergency order, up to ten days is allowed.
 - d. Approval of May minutes deferred to July when in a conference room; April minutes are missing and Ted is chasing them from Jeff Zweber.
 - e. Ted Bovill will lead a bicycle subcommittee with Andrew, Jane, and Charlie to bolster the cycling side of our committee's charter.
 - f. LaPlatte bridge:
 - i. Inspection was successful. Ted Grozier to forward inspection report to Town Manager.
 - ii. Joplin working on additional maintenance fundraising in concert with Local Motion.
 - g. Andrew Everett will physically open the July 19th meeting in Ted's absence.
 - h. Motion to cancel the August meeting passed unanimously.
 - i. We have two seats available for new members.

3. Public Comment
 - a. Chris Kent: Ideally, the coming connectivity study from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission will point to ways to improve safety on Route 7 ([to be repaved Fall 2023](#)) and Falls Road. If we can get the Town to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Bostwick Road, VTrans could place a crosswalk at that intersection. They will not build "a crosswalk to nowhere." There is a new crosswalk on Webster Road.
 - b. Committee had a wide-ranging discussion about the concept of a trail around Shelburne. No decisions made.

4. Site visit
 - a. The trail descending from the public gardens to the LaPlatte river is steep and hazardous when wet, and particularly dangerous when icy.
 - b. The committee walked the trail and discussed options to reroute the upper portion, add steps to two steeper sections below, and add a rope for stability.
 - c. Desire is to improve useability but preserve a sense of wilderness and adventure.
 - d. Any changes would be made in coordination with the Natural Resources & Conservation Committee and Parks & Recreation.
 - e. Ted G. to draft a discussion document and circulate to committee.

5. Adjournment 7:24 pm by unanimous vote.