

Draft April 25th Meeting Minutes: Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

1. Call to Order at 6:36pm.
 - a. Attendees in-person: Ted Grozier, Jane Pickell, Joplin Wistar, Charlie Jones, & Nicole Carpenter, And via Zoom: Thomas Schramm, Kevin Boehmcke, Ted Bovill and Susan Grasso (guest).
 - b. Nicole Carpenter took notes. We will rotate through.
2. We discussed the chair position of the BPPC. Ted's doing an incredible job and we'd like to help support him such that he's able to continue. Ted will continue for one more year (Chair position ending April 2023). We all agreed to assist with agenda setting, note taking, and other delegated items. Propose whoever takes the notes for a given month, drafts agenda for following month.
3. Update from Village Pedestrian Safety Group
 - a. Chris Kent resignation. Jane will take his place. However, Jane was unable to attend today and Susan Grasso shared comments.
 - b. Postponed update on VPSG proposal for improving parking and connectivity around the Shelburne Country Store – Plan in progress. Will hear more soon.
 - c. Continue to touchbase with VTrans about Route 7 paving and some potential improvements
 - i. Grass in front of town offices
 - ii. Crosswalk at Harringtons
 - iii. Safe Crossing at Marsett intersection.
 1. VTrans would like a Sidewalk on Western side of Rt. 7 (along Shelburne Museum property)
 2. We advocate for the safe crossing with or without a sidewalk as people use it.
 3. Create a petition and share with VTrans, Town, Shelburne Museum, others asking for a safe crossing at Rt. 7/Marsett/Botswick intersection.
 - a. Action Item – Charlie to draft petition
 - b. We could stand at intersection and get folks to sign during Ben & Jerry's Concerts. First concerts are 6/3, 6/4, and 6/5.
 - c. Will discuss at May meeting.
4. Connectivity Study Update –
 - a. no updates
 - b. Jessica will attend meeting on Wednesday 4/27/22 and report back to the group.
5. Trail Projects
 - a. Friendly private property signage. Examples: [More friendly "private property" signs](#)
 - i. Want to proceed cautiously and not create unnecessary posting of land or negative backlash on private lands with existing trails.
 - ii. For those who want to post land for some reason and are open to alternatives to traditional NO TRESPASSING, we want them to have resources and options available to them. Ideally some polite and respectful use is okay and this is conveyed through signage.
 - iii. Vermont land use ethics and laws are unique. Want to create an educational piece on this to help support landowners to allow walking trails on their private land.
 - iv. Action Item – Nicole will draft educational piece about VT laws and language options. Currently think we could have a link to info and resources on our BPPC website.
 - b. LaPlatte Nature Trail Wooden Bridge Erosion: [Sketch](#)

- i. Joplin has been in contact with Betsy Cieplicki
 - ii. Town will bring in gravel to repair, but have to wait until it's dried out.
 - c. LaPlatte Crossing – next steps on Town adoption? Pre-inspection and engineering inspection
 - i. Pre-inspection meeting Sunday, May 1st at 1pm. Ted will help with pre-inspection, potentially others as well.
 - ii. Need to send letter to Lee Krohn. Charlie/Joplin will review, finalize, and send to Lee.
 - d. Andrew report on Boulder Hill trail work and Kwiniaska access
 - e. Maintenance: Stone steps donated and installed at the Mill River Lane access, gravel needed; Laplatte Crossing access steps upgraded thanks to help from Christophe Lissarrague; Materials donated and several offers to help with stream crossing on the Bumblebee Brook trail
 - f. Update on Irish Hill Road bridge
 - i. Town request for additional funds from the state was denied.
 - ii. Ted to ask Lee about next steps and options.
- 6. Bike Projects
 - a. TBD
- 7. Community Outreach
 - a. Safe Routes to School update
 - i. May 4th is Walk and Roll to school
 - ii. Ted will outreach to P.E. Teacher Kelly Spreen about numbers from Shelburne School as to average daily riders and walkers.
- 8. Funding
 - a. [2022 Bike/Ped grant program](#). Applications due June 6. April 29 is an informational webinar.
 - i. Ted will attend the webinar and report back.
- 9. DRB Coordination – How to add bike/trail infrastructure with new development projects.
 - a. Three are currently in consideration
 - i. Two on Falls Road
 - ii. Brian Precourt condominium development on Bay Road
 - b. Nicole Carpenter will be the DRB liaison and connect with Mark Sammut, the DRB Chair about how to integrate BPPC with DRB.
 - c. Ted Grozier will let Lee and Adele know that Nicole will be BPPC liaison
- 10. Scheduling some town walks/bike rides. Potentially coordinating one with the Town Tree Committee or a Shelburne Parks & Recreation Event.
 - a. There was a BPPC town bike rides/walk in the past. Ted drafted the handbook. Betsy Cieplicki helped to promote with a flyer.
 - b. Could do almost the exact same thing. Nicole happy to add a walking tour at the Zen Center. Jane may be willing to help organize. Discuss at May meeting.
- 11. Other business, items to discuss at a future meeting
 - a. Review BPPC Charter
 - b. Easements and private land access laws - discussion of how to influence key community members
- 12. Next meeting date will be May 16th and ideally will be in-person at the library (not hybrid format).

13. Mtg Adjourned at 8:10pm.