

Draft Minutes: Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

May 16, 2022

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Pierson Library

1. Call to Order

In Attendance: Ted G, Ted, Nicole, Jessica, Charlie, Andrew, Thomas, Joplin

Members of Public Present: Susan Grasso, Jane Zenay

2. Administration

- a. Appoint a notetaker - [Andrew](#)
- b. Approve Agenda - [Approved](#)
- c. Approve Minutes from March AND April - [Approved](#)

3. Public Comment

- a. Update from Village Pedestrian Safety Group

[Susan Grasso](#) - Rt 7 repaving project. Conversation with [Matt B](#) from Vtrans about lane narrowing. [Lee & Adele](#) support unclear. [Mike Ashooh](#) supports it. Request is that from [Marsett](#) to Harbor, make lane 10 feet vs 11 feet (as is typical) to add more space for biking. More discussion at Wed meeting of Ped Safety group. Letter from us requesting the change. No movement at Select Board to make Class 1 highway through the center of town. This is an example of placemaking.

[Motion made to draft letter from Committee](#) - Unanimous

- b. (Tentative) update on VPSG proposal for improving parking and connectivity around the Shelburne Country Store

4. Demonstration of Public Support for a Safe Crossing of Rt. 7 at Marsett/Botswick intersection

- a. Review [Charlie's](#) drafted petition
- b. Obtain signatures via clipboard at [B&J Concerts on the Green at Shelburne Museum](#) (6/3, 6/4, or 6/5)
- c. Obtain signatures in other ways.
- d. Establish next steps and timeline to complete and send to relevant parties.

[Jane Zenaty & Charlie](#) - Clarification at safe crossing at [Marsett](#). Leverage concert crowds. Petition offered to concert-goers before show in support of safer crossing at [Marsett & Bostwick](#)

[Also ask Waldorf](#) to fill one out

[Sidewalk needed on N side of Bostwick to Waldorf and West side of Rt 7](#) before [Vtrand](#) is willing to add crosswalk

[VTrans](#) putting in conduit for pedestrian signaling at intersection

[Would asking Higher Ground](#) for support help?

5. Connectivity Study Update

a. Jessica to report out from 4/27/22 Meeting.

Shelburne Walk/Bike Connectivity Study: Advisory Committee Meeting

Concern from Susan Grasso on how Safety weighting drove entire ranking

Projects in similar area were scattered around vs being lumped together as coherent vision

This study was ultimately just a review of previous studies vs a visionary look ahead

With the prioritized list, there is still no one in town who owns implementation. We don't have a Dir of Public Works role who would typically create the plan. Jane to ask who will own it at future meetings.

Make sure we direct questions and concerns to town employees vs the consultants. They will be the ones who need to use the report and implement it.

6. Trail Projects

a. Educational piece about VT laws and Friendly private property signage.

i. Nicole to draft handout/info that could go on (or be linked to from) BBPC website

ii. Determine if/how there should be a public education roll-out plan

Nicole's verbiage is on some doc as Joplin's example signs. Hope is we can educate landowners

b. LaPlatte trails maintenance - Joplin gave an update on gravel loads that were dropped off there and at various points around town.

c. LaPlatte Crossing –

i. Next steps on Town adoption? Did letter get sent to Lee to formalize town adoption?

ii. Pre-inspection and engineering inspection

d. Andrew report on Boulder Hill trail work and Kwiniaska access

Snyder Homes has not come up with final solution

e. Update on Irish Hill Road bridge

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7. Bike Projects

a. TBD

8. Community Outreach

a. Safe Routes to School update –

i. Ted going to try and obtain numbers on walking/biking to school from Kelly Sreen

ii. May 4th Walk & Roll school event

b. BPPC Community Walks/Bike Rides in Summer/Fall 2022?

1. There was a BPPC town bike rides/walk in the [Fall 2020](#). Ted drafted the handbook. Betsy Cieplicki helped to promote with a flyer. There were 6 events.

2. Archie's Grill to Shelburne Bay Park. One-hour round-trip by foot.

3. Shelburne Pond loops. One hour to explore both loops.

4. Longmeadow Drive - Boulder Hill Drive - Webster Road – Farmstead Drive loop. One hour exploring the neighborhood connections.

5. Ti-Haul Trail to Picnic Point by bike. 40 minutes out-and-back.

6. Shelburne Bay Park loop. One-hour loop; sturdy footwear recommended.

7. LaPlatte Nature Trail loop. 90-minute loop; sturdy footwear recommended.

- ii. Could do almost the same thing summer/fall 2022. Jane may be willing to help organize.
- iii. Would we want to add any new tours?
 - 1. Would we want to add a tour of new Land Trust LaPlatte Marsh Trails?
 - 2. Zen Center Trail
 - 3. Another Bike Ride?
- iv. Potentially coordinating one with the Town Tree Committee or another Shelburne group to increase communication and collaboration?
- c. Farmer's Market preparation

9. Funding

- a. [2022 Bike/Ped grant program](#). Applications due June 6. April 29 is an informational webinar.

10. 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.

11. Other business

- a. Plans to hire a consultant to review zoning regulations. Role of BPPC?
- b. Review BPPC Charter
- c. Easements and private land access laws - discussion of how to influence key community members

12. Confirm next meeting date (June 20th).

13. Adjourn