

Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee Agenda

July 20, 2020 -- 6:30 PM

Members Present: Kevin Boehmcke, (KB), Ted Grozier, Chair (TG), Caroline Weaver (CW), Jeff Zweber (JZ), Joplin Wistar (JW)

Public Present: Mischa Tourin, Chris Kent, Helen Calvelli, Ken Scott, Bob Britt

Staff: Dean Pierce

Conducted

online:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082279435?pwd=OGxpcDRFT3ZaejFRK3RTb0xWQWw2dz09>

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order 6:35
2. Identify a notetaker
3. Approve Agenda –Agenda modified to place Bob Britt on agenda.
4. Approve Minutes from June. Approved.
5. Public: Comments from Public: Helen Calvelli and Ken Scott
6. Bob Britt S. Burlington Committee member overview of Pennies for Path:
 - Gaining City Council member, year after year CIP pushed out projects each.
 - Committee had no home City department.
 - Model that the city was using was that after the initial development was completed and that the paths would be in the neighborhood and would not connect.
 - Asked for top ten rec paths and top ten cross walks that they wanted
 - Met individually with city councils.
 - City is divided into 5 quadrants. Met with each of the quadrant groups.
 - Went back to the city council to put this on the ballot
 - Will raise \$300,000 per year to fund new infrastructure, not existing.
 - Ability to bond to do projects faster
 - 10-year sunset and then revote.
 - Vote occurred in during an August primary election.
 - Communication key to present to the voters. Started in the Other Paper.
 - Set up a friends of a walkable bikeable committee to raise money.
 - Local motion was a key ally.
 - Showed up at all city events.
 - Results were a 73% positive vote.
 - UPWP scoping report.
 - Crosswalks were perceived as low hanging fruit and that was not the case.
 - They have a lot of projects going. Some of the projects have federal/Vtrans grants.
 - Communication and getting the backing of the committee is critical.
 - Facebook page, City's website and Local Motion
 - Friends of Paths were mainly retired folks.

- Was important that there were a project in each quadrant of the city.
7. Update on AARP grant opportunity (Caroline and Dean) Dean forwarded the information to the town and the town manager responded that there was a plan to submit a grant for bike improvements. If the committee would be interested in proposing on a grant it may be relatively easy to submit on it.
 8. Resource of the town plan that is digitized.
 9. Trail Issues:
Update on access to LaPlatte trail via Mill River Lane (Joplin, Mischa, Ted)
Three members of natural resources committee and three members of the BPPC. Goal to keep it to the existing right-of-way. Improvements need to be balanced based on the amount of water. May be a seasonal trail. Could be a loop trail. Need to make sure that concerns of Mill River are addressed. There may be drainage issues.
 10. No further updates on Laplatte Nature Park Vandalism.
 11. Pedestrian Issues: Update on Marsett Road crossing and recent sign removal (Dean)
 12. Updates on a summer tour series. Maybe the third weekend in august? Organized dates may be good. Maybe push it later in the summer/fall
 13. Committee would be willing to review proposals for payment in lieu funds for the sidewalks.
 14. Signs to slow down were replaced due by community raised funds
 15. Updates: Committee/member initiatives: no updates.
 16. Irish Hill Road sidewalk and bridge project (Dean) Work on the bridge continues. Vtrans continues to make progress on the right of way and progress on historic and environmental. They have had what-if scenarios, they had a what-if regarding funding. Also, work may slow down a little bit but the grant does not expire until 2023.
 17. Report-out on any of the webinars members were able to attend. Seminars indicate that engaging others leads to financial wellbeing. There needs to be multiple stakeholders involved.
 18. Contact with Town re: climbing north of LaPlatte Crossing
No change, not much climbing is happening.
 19. Request to have Chair follow up with town manager to remind the width of the pavement line striping prior to placing the lines.
 20. 10 ft at least on Falls Rd and Marsett maybe townwide
 21. Next meeting: 6:30 Aug 17.
 22. Adjourn