

Minutes: Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

October 18, 2021

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Pierson Library

Those present:

Ted Grozier (Chair), Kevin Boehmcke, Joplin Wistar, Ted Bovill, Jessica Coleman, Charlie Jones, Jane Pickle

Missing: Andrew Everett

Public: Chris Kent, Nicole Carpenter

Called to order 6:36

Agenda Item added - Paths Committee oversight of LaPlatte Crossing bridge

Minutes September approved unanimously.

Another prospective member, Nicole, interviewing in front of SB on 10/19.

One remaining spot to fill out 10 members.

Public Comment:

CK - Trying to get VTrans to address the safety issues in front of town offices.

Ask for more from SB for safety issues.

Trail Projects:

Town resident, Scott Hardy, volunteered to address stream issues behind Sycamore St. and inserted a crossing to Ragtime.

Bumblebee Brook naming - had to add addresses to petition. Still have not gotten word back from Dept of Libraries.

LaPlatte Circle trail descent options. Group is going to brainstorm on ideas and begin a discussion. Meet in November to prioritize work to be done.

Oversight of LaPlatte Crossing Bridge: Maintenance account has enough funds for ongoing inspections etc. Joplin is asking for the BPPC to take charge of oversight of this bridge. CJ brought up the issue of this committee taking over and should consult with Lee on this approach. Discussion of what if any long term expenses might be necessary. Next steps: Schedule a conversation with Lee with a document in writing laying out what the committee would like to see happen moving forward. Questions arose whether there are any imminent budget needs for this years cycle. Does not appear that is the case. Also question was asked about Parks & Rec. involvement, no one has any knowledge of that.

Nicole Carpenter brought up the issue of the trail from Farmstead to Quail Way and its ongoing erosion. Jane Pickle is the trail adopter of that section and was asking about what should be done also to get ahead of the erosion for that bridge. Discussion came up regarding any sort of fund to maintain these trails to be shared among this committee, the highway department for sidewalks and the Village Safety Group.

Bike Subcommittee Report:

Ted Bovill: Have a group and have met. Spent time at the farmers market gathering feedback. He feels the group needs to meet to crystalize a direction for the group to pursue priority items.

CJ mentioned that there is a larger groundswell within Chittenden County which this group should be a part of and not off to the side doing our own thing.

Farmers Market Community Outreach: People loved adding items to the easel where priorities should be in town. Ted is going to circulate ideas and pictures from the event. Received 53 responses from the survey which was included in Front Porch Forum. Average level of safety is a 3 out of 5.

Budget Presentation to SB: Outline; Intro's, Top Line responses from farmers market. Study - looking forward to results. But not happy about waiting for results. Specific request in '20 regarding what has happened with the \$50K that was budgeted. What was the money spent on in the previous cycle. Suggestions for addition to discussion. Emphasize how folks are using the paths, they are being used more frequently during the pandemic. How can communication be improved with the town's highway department.

VTrans Study/project - pave from Charlotte to South Burlington brought up by Chris Kent as a possibility. Check the VTrans website.

Next meeting November 15th, 3rd Monday of the month.

Meeting adjourned: 7:37.