

Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

November 16, 2020

Members Present:

Ted Grozier, Kevin Boehmcke, Joplin James, Jessica Coleman, Andrew Everett

Public: Jane Zenaty, Chris Kent

Staff: Dean Pierce (DP)

1. Call to Order at 6:34

2. Administration

- a. Identify a note-taker and confirm online video/audio function
 - Andrew volunteered
- b. Approve Agenda
 - Approved with Joplin addition of proposed Bumblebee Brook naming
- c. Approve Minutes from August and October
 - Moved by Ted, seconded by Kevin. Approved unanimously.
- d. Membership/vacancy
 - Caroline resigning, we need to add another member

3. Public Comment

- Jane Zenaty - Radar feedback sign added this month on Marsett. Her group concerned that it is too close to turn from Rt. 7 before higher speed is reached further down the hill. Lee had asked them about determining a location earlier in summer. Jane & Group made several recommendations, but none were used. One concern is location when cars haven't reached travel speed of 30 mph. Suggested adding 30 mph speed limit sign atop radar sign. It also sits next to a large maple tree, which may block solar power. Unclear why recommended locations were not used. Dean thought the actual location must have been decided by Lee & Paul together. But no communication has occurred explaining it.
- Chris Kent - Commended Ted's presentation to the Select Board. Top items from their group in addition to the radar sign are relocating the speed limit sign westbound on Marsett and crosswalk by Harrington Village

4. Projects

- a. Mill River Lane update
 - No feedback yet since access was installed. Residents seem happy it is there. Nearby residents appreciate being able to see the river from that perspective. Signs will be posted. Joplin's "rough draft" is there now. Dean's final version will replace it when completed. All trails on the east side of the river and the trail from the supermarket to the river crossing need to be added to current maps.
 - Question about what to do with the trails that continue onto private property.
 - Question about how to best indicate access points. Paths Committee could investigate gaining an easement, i.e. from Rivercrest/Sycamore HOA, for clear access to the trails. There are current path easements within Sycamore/Rivercrest so they may be worth

trading for use of existing paths to the rest of the system. . Stormwater ponds may be taken over by the town in coming years for more consistent maintenance. So acces could come with that.

- Joplin also noted a newish trail that runs on the west side of the Laplatte along the river but is not noted on the current map. It could be added as a primitive path or the like.

b. Adopt-a-Trail program

- Some trails are maintained by the town, but they do not have a lot of resources to do so. Many trails get overgrown in the Spring and Summer. Meadows and wider paths in Laplatte are mowed regularly, and when obstacles occur they are usually cleared. But there are a lot of paths & trails that need more attention. Long Trail model with Green Mountain Club where sections are “adopted” and overseen by volunteers.
- Do the complete list of trails in the town up front or model it with one section of trails first? Current bike and pedestrian paths committee map shows mainly paved paths, so we need to compile a map of all existing non-paved paths.
- Adoptees would be responsible for monitoring the path and reporting any major issues, but not necessarily required to do actual work/maintenance.

5. Community Outreach

a. Fall Tour Series update

- We completed six tours (five walks and one bike ride) between September and November. Ted to take notes, photos and maps to compile a booklet.

6. Funding

a. Update on presentation to the Selectboard

- Good feedback.
- Bishop Road changes to blind corner with little shoulder were done over the summer but we never got a formal update

7. Other business

a. None

8. Confirm next meeting date

- 12/21 confirmed by all

9. Adjourned at 7:44