

Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

August 17, 2020

Members Present:

Ted Grozier (TG), Jeff Zweber (JZ), Joplin Wistar (JW)

Public: Jane Zenaty (JZenaty)

Staff: Dean Pierce (DP)

Call to Order: 6:36pm

2. Administration

- a. Identify notetaker
 - i. CW volunteered
- b. Approve agenda
 - i. Motion to approve JZ, second CW.. Motion approved unanimously
- c. Approve minutes from July (motion to approve TG, second JZ). Motion approved unanimously
- d. Membership/vacancy. Seven person board with two vacancies.

3. Public Comment

No members of the public present at the start of the meeting. Jane Zenaty from the Village Pedestrian Safety committee joined around 7:00pm.

4. Funding Opportunity

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>

- Deadline is Sept 30, 2020. Match requirement is 20% and would need full support of the Shelburne Selectboard. Applications are considered more competitive when there is clear understanding of where match funding is coming from. Projects range from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000.
- TG suggested that the Longmeadow/Boulder Hill connector project could be a potential contender for the grant. DP shared that there has been a feasibility study for this area (although the nature of the improvement for the initial feasibility study is more robust than the current recreation path proposal). This may make the Longmeadow project more appropriate for a smaller scale grant.
- The Southern Gateway project is also another project that has a feasibility study and is appropriately scaled for this grant.
- Tangential discussion about creating a calendar for recurring grant applications so the committee can proactively prepare for targeted grants.
- CW moved that the committee support the southern gateway project in 2021 for the state funded vtrans grant. JZ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. DP will provide an example copy of a successful application and a PDF copy of the Southern Gateway feasibility study.

5. Pedestrian Issues

Jane Zenaty (JZenaty) provided an update on the village pedestrian safety group.

- New crosswalk was installed at Marsette and Maplewood drive.
- Pending issues include: (1) speed limit change on Mt. Philo Road (change from 35 to 30). This would be consistent with Marsette and Falls road. A speed study would need to happen (2) line painting on new Spear Street paving.

- Village pedestrian safety group had requested a sign at the crosswalk near the post office be replaced. The town did not support the request as the sign is not legally required.
- Request for ballards to be extended from laplatte nature parking to shopping plaza was rejected.

6. Trail Issues (moved to item #6 mid-meeting to prevent Jane Zenaty from waiting longer than necessary)

- a. Review of first-draft proposal document on access to LaPlatte trail via Mill River Lane
 - i. JW provided an overview of the draft proposal for pedestrian access to LaPlatte Nature Park via Mill River Lane. Intended audience is the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee, and the most directly impacted residents.
 - ii. JW will present the proposal to the NRCC and neighborhood residents.
- b. Review of fall tour series document
 - i. No updates at this time

7. Other Updates

- a. committee/member initiatives
 - No updates at this time
- b. Irish Hill Road sidewalk and bridge project
 - No updates at this time

8. Other business

- No other business

9. Confirm next meeting date

- Meeting date/time proposed for Sept 28 at 6:30pm. This is a departure from the regular meeting schedule. TG will communicate the change with Kevin Boehmke.

10. Adjourn

- JZ moved to adjourn the meeting, CW seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm