

Minutes

Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

Regular Meeting: Sept 17, 2018

Members Present: Kevin Boehmcke (chair, KB), Hazel Civalier (HC), Joplin James (JJ), Kate Lalley (KL), Wendy Seville (WS), Caroline Weaver (CW), and Jeff Zweber (JZ)

Public Present: Alan Kirkpatrick

Staff Present: Dean Pierce

Meeting Called to order: 7:00

Agenda approved with modification of introductions occurring before other items. Modified agenda approved.

Welcoming of New Member Caroline Weaver and introductions of members interests related to the committee.

Approval of minutes. Discussion to note the correct spelling of the Chair's last name. Discussion of the committee procedures and ways to get things accomplished. Committee has 7 members, excluding student member. 4 persons make a quorum as long as it is not a sub-committee. **Draft Minutes Approved as posted.**

Discussion of Shelburne Day: WS was there briefly and some people told her that it would be great if there were more connectivity around town. KL won prize from Village Safety Group. KL's recommendation was to use Instagram to promote what works and to indicate where there is unmet demand for Bike/Ped needs. KL won \$25.

KB participated in discussions that indicated there is concern about the area in front of Shelburne Country Store and in front of the coffee shop. Some people were willing to talk and others would keep their head down. CW indicated that she heard about committee from the booth at Shelburne Day and indicated that it would be unlikely that she would have heard about it another way.

Discussion of Map of inclusion in Comprehensive Town Plan – why it is needed & when:

DP overviewed requirements for a map in the transportation section of a transportation map. DP provided handout indicating the requirements of state law. The map will be assembled and placed in the plan by the planning commission. There are several maps in the Town Plan. Planning commission is working on a plan to replace an existing town plan that will expire in Feb. 2019.

KL and WS worked on a markup of a Transportation map and provided a markup that shows the zoning district and what paths will be developed and existing facilities. There was discussion regarding how to show paths with perceived different levels of support from the community and selectboard. There was also discussion regarding how to show destinations that should be connected together. Also, how to show a broad level of improvement with a specificity that the DRB can require the developer make improvements. AK provided comment that there is a big difference between using a right-of-way and using an easement. AK provided input that he finds Webster Road path improvements generally acceptable since they stay close to the road.

KB has a pretty good sense of the committee's input from this discussion to further refine the draft version of the map. JZ indicated that he thinks the committee should see the final version and have the committee vote to recommend it or not before the map is presented to the planning commission. DP indicated that time is running out and that it needs to be put forward soon. WS needs to suspend work on the map creation due to time constraints. KL also wants to suspend work on the map creation.

Update on other projects:

Suspension Bridge: ground anchors have gone in. They are making good progress. Towers might go up in the next few weeks. Fundraising is on-track, but there still needs to be an escrow account for maintenance.

Pennies for Paths: no updates.

Coleman Project: Dean has been in regular contact with the developer. Next application in the next few weeks. Developer will be constructing sidewalk along Irish Hill Rd just east of the bridge.

Discussion of a committee member attending the next DRB hearing to provide testimony. Discussion that it is the DRB's job to interpret the regulations, so they have limited ability to provide personal testimony or their own perspective when considering path issues as a DRB member.

Discussion whether committee should send someone to the DRB hearing. AK indicated that it is a 6-acre parcel that is having one additional parcel being split off. AK indicated that the project has 600 ft of property frontage along the right of way with no existing facilities north or south.

Allegra Williams from Local Motion will attend committee meeting in October.

Next meeting is proposed for October 15th at 6:30 to 8:30.

Motion to Adjourn approved.