

March 21, 2022 Bike & Pedestrian Paths Committee Meeting - Notes in bullets below

1. Call to Order

- It was noted that "Robert's Rules of Order" are not currently used by Town Selectboard, the Selectboard will send out clarifications about procedures, but this group voiced the importance of following general procedures and that if meeting conversations diverge too much, people are urged to speak up.

2. Administration:

- a. Appoint a notetaker - Jessica Coleman
- b. Approve Agenda - approved
- c. Approve Minutes from February - approved
- d. Membership/vacancy:
 - i. Thomas Schramm is our newest member
 - ii. Term renewals and new Chair, see below:

NAME	APPT.	EXP.	NOTES
Kevin Boehmcke	04/01/18	4/1/2022	term extended by 1 year in 2019; immediate past Chair
Ted Grozier (C)	05/14/19	4/1/2022	named chair 05/18/2020
Joplin Wistar	03/10/20	4/1/2023	
Jessica Coleman	10/27/20	4/1/2023	
Andrew Everett	10/27/20	4/1/2023	
Jane Pickell	04/12/21	4/1/2024	
Charles Jones	04/12/21	4/1/2024	
Ted Bovill	04/12/21	4/1/2024	
Thomas Schramm	03/08/22	4/1/2024	
Nicole Carpenter	10/19/21	4/1/2024	

3. Public Comment

- Update from Village Pedestrian Safety Group from Chris Kent: Jane will stay on as chair until after the Walk/Bike Connectivity Study is over, the group is working with the Town Manager about striping and safety issues, and expressed concern regarding highway department labels.
- Alec Webb gave an update on the walking trail network extension project at Shelburne Farms, specifically the Windmill Hill Project Area, an area where they are currently working on a conservation easement. Alec Webb asked this group for a letter in support of Shelburne Farm's efforts to secure this conservation easement and the extension of the trails. Alec Webb will send some more information to Ted, and Nicole will draft a letter of support on behalf of the group.

4. Adele Gravitz Introduction

- New Town of Shelburne Planner, background in landscape architecture and placemaking.
- The Town is looking for input from this group for the new Walk/Bike Connectivity Study to make sure priorities are understood and past ideas can be implemented.
- Outdoor dining bylaw is an example of a potential new Town bylaw that will make Shelburne more livable and is related to this Connectivity study, though not directly part of it.
- The Connectivity study is specifically focused on prioritizing past ideas, new ideas regarding ped/bike projects in Shelburne may be collected for the future but are not the focus/purpose of this study.

- Concern was raised about addressing issues related to access to private land/trails - and ideas were discussed about how to support shared use on private property.

5. Connectivity Study Update

- This study is funded through the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission as well as some matching funds from the Town.
- ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds might potentially be used in the future for prioritized projects, though not directly tied to this Study.
- Ted will put together a letter to the editor to spread the word about the Study and current StoryMap/Survey, which the group will have the chance to comment on.

6. Trail Projects

a. Paths committee oversight and Town adoption of LaPlatte Crossing

- Draft Proposal has been written and this was presented to the group by Joplin (the document identifies and addresses transfer of bridge oversight, responsibilities, obligations, funds, inspections, etc.), and will be submitted to the Town.
- Ted will share Draft Proposal with this group and share Draft Proposal with Town Manager and any others at the Town who will be involved in this effort.

b. Update on existing easements from Spear Street to Juniper Ridge / Martindale Rd

- Nicole had difficulty locating easement information, and was unable to find official easement information for this area
- Past members have worked on putting together easement maps, those will be dug up if possible

c. Longmeadow Rd scoping day

- Nicole emailed the group with an update on trip findings, including some possibilities for trail links to the new Kwini development.
- Current property owners were comfortable with shared use of the trail.
- Joplin to schedule some "work days" to do trail improvements projects.
- Ted to check with the Town Manager about when the Gator will be available for use.

d. Update on Irish Hill Road bridge

7. Bike Projects

a. TBD

8. Community Outreach

a. Safe Routes to School

- Ted to investigate more and report back to the group.

9. Other Business

- **Next Meeting** - moved to April 25, to be in person at the Library
- **Trip to Shelburne Farms** - March 26th, group to meet at 1pm to walk around the Windmill Hill project area site