

## Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee Minutes

(SB&PPC)

June 19th, 2023

6:30-8:00 PM - Pierson Library Community Room

1. 6:30pm Call to Order
2. Five of Ten Members Present - No Quorum; Informational Meeting Only
3. Administration
  - a. Appoint a notetaker - Barb
  - a. Approve agenda - approved
  - a. Approve minutes from prior month - approved
  - a. Aaron DeNamur from the Planning Office attending SB&PPC meetings.
2. Public Comment
  1. Chris Kent commented about trees
    1. Cemetery trees – cedars sometimes break. Shade is also a concern which causes ice on the roads.
    2. Large oak trees can sometimes drop many acorns onto sidewalks and bike paths. There is an oak tree just North of the Post Office on Falls Rd
    3. Chris will also talk to the tree committee.
  2. Susan Grasso (Local Motion) – There is a long-planned South Burlington project for a shared use path to go through Hubbard Park (located near Knowland Farm Road and Spear Streets) that is receiving push back from the South Burlington Land Trust (SBLT), a group of local residents working to preserve South Burlington's natural landscape. SBLT is asking the South Burlington City Council to not develop the park, and, in particular, reject the use of asphalt paving material for the path (preferring a pervious pavement or natural material). The Hubbard Park path is an important segment in the City's vision for a sustainable alternative transportation/recreation network that connects neighborhoods, businesses and South Burlington assets, which they strive to make accessible for all abilities and ages, and usable year round. The City and Bike and Pedestrian Committee have previously explored the use of pervious materials for the path and determined that (1) it would provide less comfort for people using wheels, e.g., bikes and wheelchairs; and (2) is expensive and difficult to maintain (resulting in clogged pores which create an impervious surface). They sought input from Burlington which has experience testing the use of pervious pavements in their community. The SB Bike and Ped Committee feels that this is an equity, climate and transportation issue. The Spear Street off-road corridor is very important to Shelburne, both for residents and visitors wishing to ride into Burlington, and to make it easy and safe for riders to travel from Burlington to Shelburne's many assets. Susan suggested that the BPPC consider writing a letter in support of the South Burlington Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee's recommendation to Council that the path be both built and that the paving material be asphalt. Charlie will touch base with South Burlington and give an update to Nicole.
3. Old Business

Bay Road Improvement Grant Application Update - Reporter, Liberty Darr, wrote an article published in the June 15th, edition of The Shelburne News. No negative comments received. Per Aaron – couldn't apply for the grant because estimates came in a lot higher than anticipated. Will have to wait until next year.

Tree Committee - Appoint a Liaison – Barb Johnson has volunteered. Will be confirmed next month. No quorum today. Barb reported that she met with the tree committee last month. She reported that the tree committee was unaware of the upcoming VPSP2 route 7 upgrade.

Development Review Board Liaison – not present

Planning Committee Liaison – Doug is still working on establishing a relationship. He will talk with Aaron about this.

Strategic Plan Working Group Facilitator - June 8 Shelburne News article notified public about listening sessions. 1<sup>st</sup> session attended by approximately 10 people who stayed for 2 hours and shared ideas. Matt Lawless attended. Discussed ideas for more of an awareness campaign. Attendees were well informed and passionate, especially about safe routes to school. Two pediatricians attended and were advocating for safety for children. Next session is July 12. Still on target for September wrap up. A comment was made advocating for separate multi use paths. Stop spending money on roads.

Falls Road Infrastructure Working Group Facilitator – regular meetings have been focused on vision, mission, shared values and goals. Now working on prioritizing specific suggestions and will present ideas to the selectboard, the SBPPC, and the public.

Town staff or other Committee communications and coordination-Nicole is beginning to re-engage, get on Matt L's schedule etc Matt suggests moving away from urban language in order to include and encourage town people to engage. Strategic plan has been circulated to Betsy, Paul, and SB members. The new version will be posted to website

## 5. New Business

Parade Ground Improvements - update from Aaron DeNamur. Still working on design with HPDRC. Working on adding bike parking to the design.

Project List - Start Process to Identify top 10 projects and priorities for use of ARPA funds

Objective: a prioritized list that includes a brief description with cost estimates and proposal to use the ARPA funds - to be shared with the Selectboard late summer or early fall.

The strategic plan will be used to create a list of projects. Establish priorities, link budget sources where appropriate. Work with CCRPC to obtain state and federal funds. Need to link projects to funding.

Members were asked to send an email to Nicole about personal priorities – here's what we should do, this is why. Either new ideas or advocacy for existing projects.

Susan – suggests we develop a vision for the town – what are we trying to do? Charlie – we have this already in draft strategic plan. Strategic plan speaks for the big picture. Projects should speak to plan.

Charlie noted that the committee may be expanding its scope thinking of mobility as transportation in addition to recreation.

Need to develop a process to prioritize projects – score and weight? Also need to keep updating and reordering.

Doug suggested that improving off road bike access along route 7 should be a high priority.

Nicole asks – review project list. Send any new projects. For the July meeting – start to actively go through projects and develop a top 10 list. In July – develop a rubric.

Doug suggested it would be helpful to have visuals at the meetings. Maps, lists, etc to look at as we're making decisions.

## Other Business

Joplin – trying to get gravel to upgrade Laplatte Park path below overlook. Meeting with Kyle at highway dept to coordinate.

Local motion has reached out to two districts for safe routes to school. Conversations are happening at district level to promote safe routes to school.

Confirm next meeting - Monday, July 17th, 2023

Adjourned at 8:00 PM