

## AGENDA

### Shelburne Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee

October 16, 2023, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Pierson Library

1. 6:30pm Call to Order

2. Welcome and Attendance

No quorum, only 5 members present (Carpenter, Schramm, Wistar, Jones and Boehmcke)

3. Administration

- a. Appoint a notetaker - Charlie volunteered to take notes
- b. Approve agenda
- c. Approve minutes from prior month - deferred to next meeting

4. Public Comment - no public comment

5. Trail Maintenance

- a. Riverside Trail below Shelburne Falls - report out from walk with Jonathan & Chandler Joplin spoke about the walk with Natural Resources Council members. Proposed trail deviation likely falls into the Class 1 wetland. Will need (\$1600-2000) survey conducted in Spring 2024 and submitted to Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Aaron Denamur reported that the State of VT will be unlikely to approve an application due to strict wetland protections. Next steps to be tabled and other options for trail reinforcement to be explored.
- b. Bridge between Farmstead Drive and Quail Way - Report out from walk Nicole spoke about a walk conducted to assess the bridge. The bridge is showing signs of deterioration. Nicole and Jane removed some loose tires in the stream below the bridge. Bridge was likely built by the Deer Run homeowner association and is not on Town of Shelburne land. Aaron Denamur had an engineer visit the bridge and the engineer expressed concern about its safety/ stability and need for urgent repairs or closure. Kevin will share this outcome with a member of the Deer Run Association.

6. Debrief on Shelburne Selectboard Conversation on 9/26

Charlie spoke about a brief Strategic Plan presentation to the Town of Shelburne Selectboard. Positive feedback was received with a few minor updates requested by the Selectboard. Nicole spoke about the proposed project list. It was shared as a draft, but not presented as it was decided land owner discussions are needed before proceeding. Nicole and Charlie will return to a Selectboard meeting with an update in a few months.

7. Shelburne Forward - Coordination with Walk/Bike Connectivity & Safety Task Force

Three public planning sessions have been held since August. The outcome was the formation of three task forces; one is dedicated to Bike and Pedestrian Paths. Thomas Schramm and his

mother will serve as its leaders. Thomas said that the focus of the task force will be to implement small actionable efforts, like adding bike parking and helping with ensuring Safe Routes to Schools.

#### 8. Spear Street Demo Report Out - Presentation of Survey Results and Speed Data

Susan, Kevin and Barb prepared a presentation of the outcome of the demonstration project. Susan delivered the presentation with help from Kevin. 436 surveys were submitted, 87% from Shelburne residents. The results are non-statistical but give useful insights into respondent's preferences. Speed data showed that prior to the pilot, average speeds in the 85%ile were 45 mph or 10 mph above the posted speed limit. During the pilot traffic speeds were shown to have decreased on average by 7 mph.

Two recommendations were made:

- (1) Implement wide delineator bollards from Irish Hill to Barstow Rd. Painted line from Barstow Rd to South Burlington city line.
- (2) Implement a Walk/Roll/Bike two way lane separated on the East side of Spear St from Irish Hill to the South Burlington City line.

Advantages and disadvantages of both recommendations were discussed. Further dialog is needed and this item will be revisited at a future meeting.

#### 9. Project priorities - Preparing for Dec & Jan Grant (TAP, VOREC, CCRPC) applications

- a. Landowner outreach to access options and feasibility
- b. Further 2004 Webster Road to SCS Scoping Study and determine current needs
- c. Finance Committee presentation on Nov. 2

Tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

#### 10. Identifying one of project priorities in Shelburne's Growth Area to be funded with an impact fee

Tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints..

#### 11. With VPSG, request that the Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Budget be increased to \$75,000

Tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints..

#### 12. Other Items we need to flag and highlight as a group

- a. La Platte River Shared Use Bridge by Falls Road - going out to bid?
- b. Zoning bylaw rewrite - Planning Committee agenda - February DRB Update
- c. Safe Routes to School & Walking Wednesdays
- d. Falls Road Infrastructure Working Group - Survey closes 10/25
- e. Other Committee communications and coordination

All items were tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints..

13. Confirm next meeting - Monday, November 20 (week of Thanksgiving), 2023

It was decided to move the meeting to November 13th, to increase attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Charlie Jones