

Pedestrian and Cyclist Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday January 25th, 2019

8:30am

Municipal Center
10 Bunker Hill Ave.
Stratham, NH

In Attendance: Bettina Kersten (Committee Member, Co-chair), Andy Gilman (Committee Member, Co-chair), Stephanie Bergeron (Committee Member, Secretary), Pamela Hollasch (Committee Member, community), Seth Hickey (Parks & Rec)

Numbering below follows posted agenda.

1. Andy motioned to approve minutes from 01/02/19 meeting, 2nd by Bettina, motion accepted.
2. Update on Safe Routes to School
 - a) *Parent and residents input forum Thursday 02/07/19 from 6.00-7.30 p.m. at Stratham Memorial School – will cover suggested road infrastructure changes in CMS and SMS neighborhoods and other identified Safe Routes to Schools.*
 - b) *Encouragement and education activities scheduled for 2019*
 - i) *Bike to School Friday, May 10th*
 - ii) *Walk to School Friday October 4th*
 - iii) *Walk to School Wednesdays through Rec Dept. starts in May - Walking School Buses – at an informal level right now, but perhaps organizing on-line in future*
 - iv) *Other related potential activities being discussed: SMS P.E. instructor may set up a running program on field and track it to see how far they run; SMS art teacher interested in bike safety art project; student council looking at doing a presentation on bike and walking safety and presenting to peers; Wellness Walk on Gifford Farm Rd.; Seacoast bike/walk to work day – discussed PCAC potentially coordinating a breakfast at SHP; positive image campaign for buses, potentially involve school bus drivers; Mrs. Locke may contact Walk/Bike Alliance of NH (a bike safety instructor comes and gives a talk, she will reach out to them)*
3. Update on Master Plan Steering Committee (*Pam had to leave*)
4. Update on proposed PCAC budget requests (*Andy was going to talk to town contact, didn't get to, will go in next week to do so*)
5. Update on new Planning Board projects (*Bettina went 2 months ago, there is a family on Rt. 33 wants to put 5 cottages up and do farm/stay, Bettina suggested they could also host cyclists,*

etc., lots of possibilities exist - perhaps ask Tavis how to approach getting crossing light in at Starbucks, at farms/stay type property, and similar locations in Stratham where road crossing is dangerous but desirable)

- a. Sidewalk stops before where proposed Starbucks is going – Bettina will stop by and talk to Tavis and see how far along the process stands*
6. Update on DOT resurfacing of state roads in Stratham/discussion of pedestrian crossing lights on RT 108 and RT 33
 - a. PCAC should write up a request and submit it David to take to the Select Board (Winnicut 2019, Bunker Hill 2020, 108 2021) – regarding widening when repaving surfaces – Melissa will write it up and submit as complete a list as we can, for Winnicut piece, Bettina has a few things she wanted to include (need to send in items ahead of meeting time)*
7. Update on trail master plan/prioritizing first trail project. Discussion of logistics and funding
 - a. Seth said could take some pics on a property with a trail crossing to show what a non-invasive land crossing looks like to similar landowners, along with writing up a description of the process.*
 - b. Pam will contact Bill to make sure they had the same takeaways, will gather more info, and will send the drafted letter*
 - c. North Hampton conservation properties are labeled and parking is, too. If we could do the same with our town parcels first, that would be a good place to start*
8. Future Stratham Magazine article
 - a. Bettina will reach out to complete streets and get a small write up from them, also will contact electric bicycle shop*
9. Public comment
10. Other Business – *Seth put together binders for committee to look at for Portsmouth’s proposed bicycle & pedestrian network.*

Motion to adjourn at 9:18am by Andy, 2nd by Stephanie