

Draft Minutes
Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee (HBPC)
Hanover Library
May 7, 2009, 4:00 PM

Meeting Attendees: Committee Members: Tim Cox, Doug Deaett, Scot Drysdale, John Leigh, Tom Linell, Roger Lohr, Charles Sullivan, Joanna Whitcomb. Guests Peter Kulbacki, Barbara McIlroy. Recorded by R. Lohr.

1. Call to order

Hugh Mellert called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

2. Business Discussed

A. Peter Kulbacki, Director of Hanover Public Works

The committee discussed a pilot project on Lebanon Street from the Crosby Street intersection to the COOP for demonstrating a sharrow road marking. Mr. Kulbacki said that he would contact the Committee when he was ready to paint the sharrow. The Committee would be prepared to help make a judgment about how well the sharrow works by observing and getting feedback from motorists and bicyclists. A stencil will be purchased or created and signage would be acquired to accompany the sharrow.

The Committee will review a plan to publicize the sharrow that will be submitted by Joanna Whitcomb. There will be a brief presentation to the Select Board where the Committee will speak about the sharrow pilot project and explain why South Park Street is a good location for a bike lane.

Mr. Kulbacki said he would forward a list of roads to be paved this summer to the Committee. Joanna Whitcomb said she would create a stenciled sharrow poster and that ORW has volunteered to create a poster/flyer that could be used for the upcoming Town Meeting and Bike/Walk to Work Day locations. The poster/flyer could be used at the Prouty, at schools, the library, and on the blog.

B. GIS Map

The Committee discussed the proposed maps brought forth by the GIS Map Task Force. The purpose of the map was unclear to some people on the

Committee. It was said that the intention of the map included showing support for using sharrows and building a bike lane on South Park Street. Some changes were recommended and it was decided that the color scheme on two maps would emphasize the existing bike routes and lanes and the proposed sharrow and bike lane sections within the urban area.

Joanna Whitcomb made a motion that was seconded by Charlie Sullivan to approve a two map plan of existing routes/lanes and an overview map. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Prouty Offer

The Committee decided that it would accept the Prouty Executive Committee offer to staff an info table at the pre-Prouty registration dinner from 4-8:00 PM in the lobby of RMS (as explained by John Leigh). Tim Cox volunteered to staff the table from 5-7:00 PM; Scot Drysdale volunteered for 7-8:00 PM. Other staffers included Roger Lohr while Joanna Whitcomb and Hugh Mellert said they would staff the table if they were not away on vacation. Lohr will contact the Prouty Executive Committee to communicate the HBPC decision.

D. Accident Report

The Committee discussed the town pedestrian/bicycle accident report. It was suggested that the report be posted on the blog and sent to the Committee via email.

E. Blog

Charlie Sullivan and Tim Cox volunteered to respond to public comments or inquiries that are sent to the HBPC blog.

F. Other Issues

Doug Deaett and Hugh Mellert will meet with Town Manager Julia Griffin to discuss if the Committee can increase participation with the Town Planning Office. It was suggested that they talk with Colin Smith of Lebanon to see how the Lebanon Bike/Ped Committee is incorporated in the Lebanon planning process.

Roger Lohr commented about a letter to the editor regarding road rage and the Committee felt it was a good idea to follow it up with an LTE that had some facts about HB-1203 and sharing the road amongst motorists and bicyclists. He also mentioned that the Committee could use the help of a professional bicycle consultant and an experienced public relations firm rather than digging up things on the Internet and rushing to create materials at the last minute when the opportunity was available. An integrated and comprehensive approach to

education was advisable. It is expected that the town manager will find funding for the Committee to develop a campaign on issues it felt should be communicated to Hanover and the vicinity.

Doug Deaett requested the Committee accept the ORW proposal to devise some alternative designs for North Park Street. There was a comment that such a project might not come to fruition for many years. There had been a motion at a previous Committee meeting to go forward with ORW for such a proposal.

Barbara McIlroy referenced her LTE regarding parking and pedestrian safety related to Hanover Town Warrant Article 4 that will be put before the voters at the upcoming town election. She favors more guidance than the warrant stipulates for developers on the issue.

3. Approval of Minutes

Doug Deaett made a motion, which was seconded by Roger Lohr to approve the April 2 HBPC meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM. The next meeting of the Hanover Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for June 4 unless a second HBPC meeting in May is necessary.