

Manchester Bike & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 10, 2023

Location: Virtual

In Attendance: David Saunders, Co-Chair, Dana Vermilye, Co-Chair, Brian Frey, Sue Centner, Jay Dibiaso, and Terry Cowman

Not in Attendance: Joe Beggan, Freddy Cicerchia

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

- 1) Minutes of April 12, 2023, approved by vote
- 2) Report on Meeting of Boards - Dana
- 3) Discuss projects and determine next actions
 - a. Communication/promotion of our mission, activities and advocacy – David, Sue and Brian
 - i. Communication plan and identification of topics/issues – identifying potential topics and media for distribution
 - ii. Repository of materials – have general layout, determining best way to share access, and set schedule for distribution
 - iii. Town Website and other media access – roughly resolved questions of media content development and distribution on town website and other platforms.
 - iv. Library Book Group – David has worked with Library to host discussion of There Are No Accidents by Jessie Singer, starts 5/11
 - v. Earth Day commemoration - Brookwood Bike Bus from Town Hall April 28 – David – roaring success in terms of participation and town support.
 - b. Safe Routes to School programs interface – Sue and Jay
 - i. in conjunction with SRTS/Lucy conducted a bike safety and mechanical check presentation for 6th grade
 - ii. Discussion of bike busses and other potential actions for late summer
 - iii. Judy Crocker to temporarily resume local contact until new person hired
 - c. Discussion of Town Master Plan and Town Bike/Ped Plan – Joe will extract fundamental objectives for group to advance specific issues and a town Bike and Pedestrian Plan
 - d. State Government interaction
 - i. Rt. 127 speed limits, sidewalks, bike lanes – supported MassDOT application to town Conservation Commission for MBTA bridge safety improvement, which passed. Implementation to start in May.
 - ii. Speed proposals to DOT – 127/128 – Joe has developed basis of town petition for speed changes on Rt. 127 and on Rt. 128 interchanges; review by DPW/PD
 - e. Police Department update – set discussion with Chief Fitzgerald on Vulnerable Users Law implementation and include Speed Proposal draft – Freddy, Joe, Terry
 - f. Grants – status and new applications
 - i. Banner, Bike2Hike, trail mapping – bike racks have been planted now moving to promotion and banner design moved to Communications Subcommittee

- ii. CPC proposals – discussed potential for more racks, bike maintenance stations, bike and pedestrian master plan
 - iii. Other grant applications – all – no update
 - g. DPW/Town Projects – Dana, Terry, and Joe
 - i. Plans for Upper Pine, School, and Pleasant
 - 1. Pine Street field approved - sidewalk, parking, crosswalk, speeds TBD, and have requested MaDOT include bike lanes on interchange project
 - 2. School Street – discussed potential extension of work to 128, sharrows, signage, sidewalk improvements, and impact of Cornerstone Church at Mill; survey on improvements sent to School Street area residents; connection of town paint to interchange paint being applied by MaDOT to include bike lanes
 - 3. Pleasant Street – Speed feedback sign moved from Raymond Street; water main project and resurfacing still TBD
 - ii. Bridge/Harbor Streets intersection – design completed, work to be scheduled
 - iii. Lincoln, Norwood, Brook, Vine Streets to schools – no update
 - iv. Pine Street Pleasant to Central – no update
 - v. Central Street culvert – complex project being defined
 - h. Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, Planning Board, MassBike, MECT, MAPC
 - i. DIPC – Dana, Terry, Joe – no update
 - ii. OSRC – Western Woods ownership and access being researched to determine which trails might be developed – Terry/David
 - iii. MAPC – no update - Terry
 - iv. Planning Board – Civic Space Collaborative walk, pointing out pedestrian and cycling issues, parking lot walkthrough, Powder House Hill access – Joe/Terry
 - v. MassBike – May is Bike Month, Lighting Brigade contributions from Sue - Terry
 - vi. MECT – collaborating on trails mapping - Terry
 - vii. Trustees of the Reservation – collaborating on trails mapping – Terry
 - viii. Greenbelt – May 6 Gravel Ride from Topsfield was big success – Terry
 - ix. Parks & Recreation – bike racks for new field, Middle School Mountain Bike Club summer sessions (6) - Terry
 - i. Other community, committees, and government issues related to our agenda - none
- 4) Set next meeting – 6/21/23 at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike & Pedestrian Committee

Approved by Vote of Committee 6/21/23