

Manchester Bike & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 19, 2023

Location: Virtual

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

Not in Attendance: Brian Frey and Freddy Cicerchia

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

- 1) Minutes of June 21, 2023, approved by vote
- 2) Group calendar of upcoming events and deadlines set up - Terry
- 3) Discuss projects and determine next actions
 - a. Communication/promotion of mission, activities, and advocacy – David, Sue, and Brian
 - i. PD have requested article/communication on Sharrows and on eBike safety, suggest a meeting with Chief to review and add other ePowered apparatus
 - ii. Communication plan and identification of topics/issues – still identifying potential topics for distribution
 - iii. Repository of materials – review content and what is needed
 - iv. Set topics and make schedule for distribution of articles
 - v. Banner designs and logo being reviewed and revised
 - vi. Library Book Group – no update
 - ix. Committee history project – draft completed - Terry
 - b. Safe Routes to School programs interface – Sue and Jay
 - i. No advancement of summer or autumn plans
 - ii. Setting new parental survey for back to school
 - c. State Government interaction – Freddy, Joe, Terry
 - i. Rt. 127 speed limits, sidewalks, bike lanes – MBTA bridge safety improvements - Implementation TBD with no update.
 - ii. Speed proposals to MassDOT – 127/128 – petition for speed changes on Rt. 127 and on Rt. 128 interchanges ready for MassDOT review in August
 - d. Police Department update – has requested sharrows explainer and eBike safety message – Freddy, Joe, Terry, David, Brian
 - e. Grants – status and new applications - Dana
 - i. Banner, Bike2Hike, trail mapping – bike racks manufacturer unresponsive
 - ii. CPC proposals – discussed potential for more racks, bike maintenance stations, bike and pedestrian master plan funding
 - iii. Other grant applications – all – no update
 - f. DPW/Town Projects – Dana, Terry, and Joe
 - i. Town Governance Meeting of Committees – David provided extensive recap of issues and discussion
 - ii. Plans for Upper Pine, School, and Pleasant – no changes
 - iii. Bridge/Harbor Streets intersection – design completed, work to be scheduled

- iv. Lincoln, Norwood, Brook, Vine Streets to schools – no update
 - v. Pine Street Pleasant to Central – no update
 - vi. Central Street culvert – complex project being defined
 - g. 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 as first step toward protection and access; examining how to protect watershed around Gravelly Pond and Chabacco Woods – Terry/David
 - iii. MAPC – no update - Terry
 - iv. Planning Board – Civic Space Collaborative design proposal reviewed with comments submitted - Joe/Terry
 - v. MassBike – distributing Manchester PD video across their media!
 - vi. MECT – collaborating on trails mapping - Terry
 - vii. Trustees of the Reservation – collaborating on trails mapping – Terry
 - viii. Greenbelt – collaborating on trails mapping– Terry
 - ix. Parks & Recreation – Middle School Mountain Bike Club summer sessions are proceeding - Terry
 - h. Other community, committees, and government issues related to our agenda - none
- 4) Set next meeting – 8/17/23 at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike & Pedestrian Committee
Approved by Vote of Committee 8/17/23