

Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Location: Virtual

In Attendance: Dana Vermilye and David Saunders, Chairs, Kurt Svetaka, Sue Centner, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

Not in Attendance: Amy Coleman

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

- 1) Minutes of April 13, 2022, approved by vote
- 2) Review of key projects.
 - a. DPW
 - i. Infrastructure plans for 2022 – coordinate with Complete Streets initiatives – nothing to report - Dana
 - ii. Shared Streets - Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor and Pleasant Street – \$50K grant application – record number of applications slowing review process
 - b. State DOT/Government - Rt.127 - sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits. No update. Freddy
 - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
 - i. Upper School Street to Lincoln to Summer bike lane, entry signage, and include potential redesign of School Street – ongoing discussion. Dana
 - ii. Discussed Library response to and promotion of Book Club on active transportation issues. David
 - d. Education and Advocacy
 - i. Safe Routes to School
 1. Routes to School – Marking Safe Routes to School in town through geocaching and signage, kit from SRTS (Judy). David
 2. Continue in-school programs, crossing guards, and newsletter. Sue
 3. Promote kids riding to school safely – group from Rockwood Heights/Pleasant Street – Cricket article, social media, etc. Dana, David, Terry
 4. Connect with PTO for bike and walk promotions
 - ii. Promote Bike Safety
 1. Cricket articles, social media, page and community survey on town website – connecting with town communications director. Sue/David
 2. May Bike Rodeo – logistics as Memorial will not work – looking at alternatives including PMC Kids Ride on June 18
 3. Work with PD on helmet distribution to include PMC Kids Ride, Singing Beach, and Parks and Recreation Department in summer
 4. Investigating summer bike riding with Parks and Recreation Department
 - iii. Bike Rack Placement and order. Terry/Dana
 1. CPA funds for racks approved by town meeting - 10 rack order submitted
 2. Follow up with Town Administrator, Parks and Rec, and OSC on locations
- 3) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, MiM, 375th Committee, Planning Board, MassBikes and MBTA
 - i. DIP – funds for concept design on Central from Pine to Beach. Kurt
 - ii. OSRC – tracking parcel owners in Western Woods and Newport Park parking for access to Powder House Reservation. David

- iii. MAinMotion – continued funding has not been found. Terry
 - iv. Planning Board – not responded to inquiries. David
 - v. MassBikes – May is Bike Month with activities around the state. Terry
 - vi. MECT – trails walk on May 22, coordinate with bike rack placement. David
 - vii. MBTA – EV charging at train station. Dana
- 4) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – Parking Study of downtown needs volunteer for 5/24 and other dates to be announced. Terry
 - 5) Set next meeting – 6/15/22 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike and Pedestrian Committee
Approved by Vote of Committee 6/15/22