

# Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2022

**Location:** Virtual

**In Attendance:** Dana Vermily, Chair, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

**Not in Attendance:** Amy Coleman, Sue Centner, and David Saunders

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

- 1) Minutes of June 15, 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. Work about to begin on School Street water main relining – opportunity for CS work? Dana
    - iii. Shared Streets - Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor and Pleasant Street – \$50K grant paperwork has been returned to State, with funding in September. Dana and Terry
  - b. State DOT/Government - Rt.127 - sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits - and EV charging at MBTA. Freddy reviewed progress made with Rep. Belsito for next fiscal year (October).
  - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
    - i. Upper School Street to Lincoln to Summer bike lane, entry signage, and potential redesign of School Street – ongoing discussion. Dana
    - ii. Discussed Library response to and promotion of Book Club on active transportation issues for Thursdays in July. 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). No update. David
      2. Continue in-school programs, crossing guards, and newsletter. Validate that safety instruction is included in curriculum. No update. Sue
      3. Promote kids riding to school safely – group from Rockwood Heights/Pleasant Street – Cricket article, social media, etc. Safety Article by Freddy along with girls’ group photos in Cricket. Dana, David, Terry
      4. Connect with PTO for bike and walk promotions in autumn. Terry
    - ii. Promote Bike Safety
      1. Cricket articles, social media, page and community survey on town website – connecting with town communications director. Sue/David
      2. Kids PMC and Library Touch a Truck event have both been moved to September 17, working to coordinate the two. Terry
      3. Work with PD on helmet distribution to include Singing Beach, Parks and Recreation Department, and Library in summer, PMC and TaT in autumn. Terry
    - iii. Bike Rack Placement and order. Terry/Dana
      1. Bike racks have arrived.
      2. Followed up with Town Administrator, Parks and Rec, MECT on locations, 9 of 12 are set and await DPW installation.

- 3) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, MiM, 375<sup>th</sup> Committee, Planning Board, MassBike and MBTA
  - i. DIP – no update available. Terry
  - ii. OSRC – no update. David
  - iii. Planning Board – not responded to inquiries. David
  - iv. MassBikes – nothing new to report. Terry
  - v. MECT – coordinated with Chair for bike rack placement. - Terry
  - vi. MBTA – EV charging at train station – request to Rep. Belsito. Terry
- 4) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – second survey for Parking Study was success, more dates coming. Terry
- 5) Set next meeting – 8/17/22 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike and Pedestrian Committee  
Approved by Vote of Committee 8/17/22