

## Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** September 14, 2022

**Location:** Virtual

**In Attendance:** Dana Vermily, Co-Chair, Sue Centner, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

**Not in Attendance:** Amy Coleman and David Saunders

**Community:** Jay DiBiasio, Judy Crocker and Lucy Friedman Bell, SRTS Coordinators

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

- 1) Minutes of August 17, 2022, approved by vote
- 2) Review of key projects.
  - a. DPW
    - i. Infrastructure plans for 2022 – coordinate with Complete Streets initiatives – Pleasant Street water main/repaving/sidewalks – Dana/Freddy
    - ii. Work continues on School Street water main relining through October– opportunity for CS work, exploring bike lanes and sidewalks – Dana/Freddy
    - iii. Shared Streets - Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor and Pleasant Street – \$50K grant funding now expected in November for Spring. Dana and Terry
  - b. State DOT/Government - Rt.127 - sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits - and EV charging at MBTA.
    - i. Freddy setting next meeting with Reps. Belsito/Ferrante 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 - David
      1. Possible continuation of the program into the autumn
      2. Discuss how to grow this discussion
  - d. Education and Advocacy
    - i. Safe Routes to School
      1. Discussion with Judy Crocker handing off Coordinator role to Lucy Friedman Bell
        - a. 400 high schools being added to SRTS, hope to add Manchester
        - b. Memorial PT teacher trained and utilizing SRTS bike and walk curricula
        - c. Connected with Essex Elementary, offer to assist on volunteer basis
        - d. Potential Middle School safety presentation in months ahead
      2. Routes to School – Marking Safe Routes to School in town through geocaching and signage, kit from SRTS (Judy). No update. David
      3. Continue in-school programs, crossing guards, and newsletter. Sue
      4. Promote kids riding to school safely – group from Rockwood Heights/Pleasant Street. Cricket, SRTS, social media. Dana, David, Terry
      5. 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. Library Touch a Truck event moved to 9/24. Terry

- iii. Bike Rack Placement. Terry/Dana
  - 1. 3 of 12 have been placed, others to follow, some with ConComm review.
  - 2. Discuss funding sources for more bike racks.
- 3) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, 375<sup>th</sup> Committee, Planning Board, MassBike and MBTA
  - i. DIP – no update available. Terry
  - ii. OSRC – no update. David
  - iii. Planning Board – no update. David
  - iv. MassBikes – nothing new to report. Terry
  - v. MECT – coordinating with Chair for bike rack placement. - Terry
  - vi. MBTA – EV charging at train station – Rep. Belsito has requested funding for 4. Terry
- 4) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – nothing new to report. Terry
- 5) Set next meeting – 10/19/22 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike and Pedestrian Committee  
Approved by Vote of Committee 10/19/22