

## **Hanover Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (HBPC)**

### **For 2011 Town Report**

The HBPC is an advisory committee to the Hanover Select Board. The committee works to improve biking and pedestrian opportunities in Hanover. It meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 pm at the Howe Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

The committee was quite active during the last year. Peter Kulbacki, Director of Public Works (DPW) has been a professional, accessible, and supportive colleague. ORW/ Smart Mobility Landscape Architects and Planners were selected as the primary consultant to the town on bike/ped issues. Carolyn Radisch and Lucy Gibson of ORW Smart Mobility Consultants have done exemplary work on Park Street streetscape designs and a Hanover Bike/Ped Master Plan, and have consulted extensively with the HBPC.

Activities from April 2010-March 2011 include:

- Google Earth Bike Map and Printable Map of Hanover. Chris Lowe, a geographic information systems consultant assisted the committee. Public distribution is being planned.
- An HBPC Vision, Mission and Goals Statement were adopted.
- Capital improvements in 2010-11 included the Lyme Road work between the traffic circles, repainting proper 5 foot Route 120 bike lanes from Lebanon-Park Street triangle to Greensboro Road, bike safe grates on new road projects, vigilant clean up of debris in bike lanes, and a redesign of the intersection at N. Park Street and Lyme Road.
- North and South Park Street Planning. In 2009 the Select Board recommended additional study for Park Street improvements. DPW consulted the HBPC regarding the reconfiguration of the N. Park-Lyme Road corner and adopted some of our recommendations. A number of possible Park Street improvements were considered, including a Pedestrian Study led by Barbara McIlroy. Our ORW consultants presented plans for bike lanes and pedestrian improvements on North and South Park Street to the Select Board, and funds for these improvements are included in this year's town budget.
- Hanover Master Plan Maps, Guidelines and Streetscapes for Bikes and Pedestrians. Significant progress has been made in designing a master plan designating what routes should have accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians and developing guidelines and standards for various types of improvements. Our ORW consultants have been central to this process.
- Bicycle Friendly Community- An application has been submitted.
- Safe Routes to School-HBPC participated. Funding for further study has been awarded.
- Participated in 350.org Event on 10/10/10.
- Participated in the Transportation session of the Sustainable Hanover Meeting, 2/26/11.

**Committee Members:** Scot Drysdale (Chair), Tim Cox, Doug Deaett, John Leigh, Barbara McIlroy, Hugh Mellert, Robert Z. Norman, Carol Perera Weingeist, Joanna Whitcomb, Bill Young, Charles R. Sullivan, Ex Officio, Athos Rassias, Selectboard Representative