

Minutes HBW March 3/06/2023 4:00-5:30pm

Present: Jennie Chamberlain (chair), Bill Young (recorder) Scot Drysdale, Hugh Mellert, Nicolás Macri, Tim Cox, Barb McIlroy (former HBW member) and Prabhat Hedge - Dartmouth "Our Green Future"

GOOGLE DRIVE - March Mtg Folder https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gTz-ANJJYs5lj1dHhS7MvWADU0YCgAQX?usp=share_link

HBW ZOOM: <https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/93751554984?pwd=cERYeEJDUHhWU0diUThtT3Nnb0ErUT09>

1. News: [Introducing the 15 Hour City - McSweeney's](#),

Humorous parody of people objecting to building walkable communities where everything is less than 15 MINUTES away.

[Micromobility in 2023 - Smart Cities Dive](#)

Consultants reviewed what happened during and after COVID with shared micromobility. Despite businesses like Zagster closing, e-rides went up because people bought and used bikes, scooters, etc. Communities should design for future micromobility like bikes and scooters. Discussion: Pros- Green, healthy, local. Cons: Expensive (\$1-2,000/bike, shared might be better, a perception by some that safety studies and guidelines are behind the rapid growth.)

Action: Motion for HBW to contact Dartmouth and Town planners to collaborate in studying and planning for MicroMobility (e-bikes, e- scooters, e boards and whatever comes next) to include appropriate infrastructure (lanes, charging, storage), safety (rules of the road, training), education (safe and smart riding) and possible collaboration with other college communities and regulators. Discussed but no conclusions.

2. **RECAP:** Bike Bus.

[Thank You's](#). Letters to Pine Park Accessible Trail (Rob Houseman for the concept and Linda Fowler, Chair of Pine Park Trustees.) Hand delivered

[Walk Bike Plan along with an Executive Summary](#) submitted to Joanna Whitcomb to take to the Selectboard

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL:** [February Minutes](#) Approved. OWL for zoom future Zoom

connections - Recorder will request this system from Janice Grady for future HBW Meetings.

4. **CURRENT**

- **Disability Awareness Month** - [Accessible Icon Project](#), [Raised Crossings](#) Chair discussed raised crossings as more friendly to all pedestrians and people in wheel chairs. They alert vehicles that they are entering a special space. Pedestrians and wheel chairs do not need to up and down. Puddles are avoided.

Discussion - all agreed studying this is prudent. Pros noted above. Cons include costs and plowing challenges. The raised mid-block crossing table on Maynard Street was removed due to snow plow problems. Raised intersections are in the current designs for around the Green, and are successfully deployed and plowed in Burlington and New Haven.

Bus Stops: Dartmouth Coach, Advanced Transit and other buses now load and unload on Wentworth Avenue near Baker Library. The Transit Center on East Wheelock will be closed for 3 years during Hopkins Center Construction. Pros of new stop include the line-of-sight from the old stop and lengthy street for loading buses, dropping off passengers and traffic. Cons include challenging turns into 2 lanes from College to Wentworth from both north and south if the a vehicle turns into the non-adjacent lane.

Discussion: Chair will write the appropriate people pointing out the lack of clarity for turning vehicles, particularly the busses that turn left to pull over to the right in this busy on campus on the Green location. One HBW member was rear-ended here when they stopped for a student walking in the crosswalk in the dark. A raised intersection has been in the plans by the town, referred to as Phase II, to redesign this intersection.

Proposal: Chair will write appropriate Town and Dartmouth planners encouraging them to evaluate this area for improvements. Options discussed included making Wentworth a single lane soon, or adding appropriate controls, lighting or signage.

Hop Construction walking paths Hopkins Center Construction has required sidewalk closures and crossing changes East Wheelock for 3 years. Following the HBW Request to Dartmouth and the DPW the midblock crossing with pedestrian refuge was reopened.

Proposal: Chair will communicate with Town and Dartmouth to encourage a continued review of the challenges in this area. Is there a better solution?

A follow up meeting with the DPW and others about town wide guidelines about if, where and when raised crossings should be recommended was also discussed.

Hanover Zoning Amendments (Nicolás Macri) [Macri-Cai, Planning Board Follow Up](#)

In previous meetings, the Zoning Board approved Dartmouth's North End Lyme Road residential housing project with conditions. Many of these conditions were proposed by the HBW including Shared Use Path improvements (continuing to the Park/Lyme intersection, adding pedestrian-scaled lighting, and decreasing the size of the parking lot.)

The Planning Board endorsed multiple zoning amendments for a vote at the May Town Meeting, including lowering parking requirements in the downtown for multi-family residences. The goal is to increase the housing options in walkable distances.

The Chair and Nicolás Macri represented the HBW at the Planning Board public hearing about the proposed zoning amendments. They wrote a report to answer the questions of board members regarding some of the research and data referenced. HBW thanked them for the inclusive process.

ACTION: Email the Report to HBW members now and request a Vote of approval or disapproval members. If approved the Chair will forward the letter to the Town Zoning and Planning Office.

[Our Green Future](#) (Prabhat Hedge). Prabhat is a graduate student at Dartmouth and works with our Chair on Dartmouth's "Our Green Future" Planning. The focus is on energy transitions on campus including working groups for Community, Energy, Food, Landscape & Ecology, Transportation, Waste & Materials, and Water. The HBW Chair leads the Transportation group. Recent discussions focused on Transportation being linked to all of the groups and the benefits of thinking systemically.

Discussion: HBW welcomes reports on progress and requests for our help.

EVENTS

1. Rodeo- Bicycle Skills Clinic. Sunday April 30 from. 12- 1:30

Volunteers are needed. 20 in 2022. Please contact Bill Young and recruit your friends.

Here in Hanover- March 2023 will have a story about last years Clinic.

2. Walk, Bike 'n Roll to School, May 3 Wednesday. 7:15- 8:00

Collaboration with Parks and Rec and Ray School. Rain or shine

3. Other -Leaders needed. Please raise your hand

- Curb Your Car Day **Friday May 19th**

- Pop Up Fix It Clinic- Thanks Tim. Date to be determined. Timed with Prouty

- Howe to at the Howe- Bike Repair at Library on Sunday. Bill will check on this

-Walk and Roll x 2 in 2022- Occom Pond and Dresden Neighborhood

Do we want to do these again? Repeat 2? Add new? Volunteers.

Education, Encouragement and Events Work Group-HBW volunteers and friends- please let Bill Young know if you want to have fun planning some of these events or suggest others:

-Dartmouth students with Rodeo and others. Thanks Nicolás.

-Smart and Safe Micro-mobility on Campus. Letters to the Dartmouth D, tabling at events, talks to houses etc.

-Whacky Bike Building- The HBW needs more fun stuff. Who can help build a bike that mixes smoothies or had 4 riders or transports seniors or plays music or.....? Maybe something for July 4.

Sustainability Master Plan

The HBW Master Plan 2022 has been submitted as part of the process and in draft documents by the Sustainability Master Plan advisory committee been endorsed and supported.

The Plan will also be submitted to the Select Board for review and approval. Congratulations to the Chair and other HBW members who worked do diligently to get this completed.

Next Meeting Monday April 3.

Tabled

- - Grant Writing Capacity

- **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- - HBD crash data - [we received some new data](#)
- - [Sustainability Master Plan](#)

- **6. FUTURE**

- - [Safe Streets 4 All / Shared Streets](#)
- - [Safety Committee](#)
- - Metrics (Network Scoring, GHG emissions reductions by project, Engagement, Equity, Walk Bike Data, Sidewalk inventory)
- - Shared Streets 4 All - street by street, intersections, connections to other towns
- - Neighborhood Walk 'N Rolls
- - Safe Routes to DHMC, CHAD
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