

## **Minutes 4/3/2023 4:00-5:30pm GOOGLE DRIVE - April Mtg Folder DRAFT**

Present- Jennie Chamberlain -Chair, Bill Young Recorder, Hugh Mellert, Patrick Luckow, James Martin (Police), Joanna Whitcomb (Select Board), Nicolás Macri, David Dostal, Scot Drysdale, Guests- Michael McGillen [michaelmcgillen@fastmail.net](mailto:michaelmcgillen@fastmail.net) (Dunster Neighborhood,) Kasia Warburton [Kasia.Warburton@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Kasia.Warburton@dartmouth.edu) (Sachem resident, rides bike for transportation to Dartmouth, glaciologist)

### **1. News: Updated NACTO working papers on Material Success, Complete Connections, and Designing for Small Things With Wheels**

Discussion: National Assoc of City Transport Officials is a valuable resource. Designing for connectivity, safety, and micro-mobility are emphasized.

Comments re dramatic increase in e-bikes, scooters and board rides during the pandemic as well as a 450% increase in accidents (2017 to 2021).

### **2. RECAP: Disability Awareness Month letters sent, Hanover Zoning Amendments, Our Green Future update, Prouty Pop Up Fix It Clinic, Hop Construction walking paths / Wentworth Bus Stop**

**Discussion/Action:** Prouty Pop Up Clinic (Dave and Tim will meet to set a date) and leader needed for How to at the Howe. Volunteers?

### **3. ORGANIZATIONAL: March Minutes.** approved

**4. Walk Bike Plan.** Executive Summary completed. Advised to present a summary to the select board after town meeting, request a planning board presentation followed by a public meeting and Select Board vote. Plan will be incorporated into Sustainability Master Plan. –

**5. HBW Town Report.** Reviewed and approved by HBW. Thank you Jennie.

### **6. HPD updates and Public Input**

-Jim Martin reported that the most common bike walk complaint to the police is wheeled vehicles on sidewalks. Discussed possible ticketing or citations by the police, education of students and designing safe complete streets. HPD indicated they prefer engagement.

Education options included

Letters and/or Conversations with Dartmouth and Hanover High Athletics about safe and smart running and riding: reflective gear and lights. The bicycle crash and the Dartmouth football coach have focused attention on the dangers of our streets.. Bill Y will write Dartmouth athletics

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Dartmouth D Articles proposed. Kent Friel, Dartmouth 26, Nicolás Macri and Bill Young may team up to encourage some bike, walk, scooter safety articles.

Dartmouth Student Wellness- other avenues of student education will be pursued.

-Jim Martin reported a Hanover Police Bike Patrol Course for 15 officers including 4 from Hanover Monday May 1-Thursday May 4. Hanover will soon have 2 additional Regular bikes and 2 E-Bikes.

-Public Input regarding proposed Dunster Road Crossing improvements

Michael McGillen has written a letter to the new Hanover Safety Committee for the HBW. We are awaiting a response. Follow up by the HBW is encourage. One option is an enhanced crossing with Rectangular Rapid Flashing beacon pedestrian controlled plus cross walk options and possibly a pedestrian refuge island, Also discussed the role of state versus town.

Proposal: HBW, an advisory committee should write the new Safety Committee, ask to have representative and list some of the priorities we have generated over 20+ years.

Topic was tabled.

-Public Input regarding hostile motorist on Rt 10 near Mink Brook.

Kasia Warburton reported a driver pulling up beside her and shouting "Get out of the way." She cycles from Sachem Village to Hanover frequently and finds the route challenging for an experienced bike commuter.

Discussion; HBW members agreed that Rt 10 south is a challenge for cyclists and vehicles to share the road. Note: Off road routes are being explored but are not easy.

Sharrows are welcome. They need to be repainted almost every year here.

## **EVENT**

### **-Friday May 19th Bike Month, Curb Your Car**

Discussion Regarding What, Where and How. Patrick L and Jennie C

One option- Consider tall road columns on bike lane east side of the Sand Hill Curve Route 120 south of Food Co-Op. Will require careful planning with police: possible advance sign "Curb Car Day" "Caution Road Cones" and outdoor events approval. The DPW and Town planning suggested they would be supportive if HBW wanted to do the work. Data collection was suggested Before, During and After- Did it make a difference?

Second Option-Food Stops like Bike to Work Day events in many communities. In the past have collaborated with Vital Communities on Publicity and events as in some past years: Dan and Whits to Hanover Job rush hour race-Car, bike, Bus Pop Up Parking Place Fun Stop, Bike to Work Stop and Go stations.

### **Rodeo- Sunday April 30. 12-1:30. Ray School**

Thank you Hugh, Jennie, Dave, Scott, Tim and other HBW Volunteers.

**Challenge-** All HBW members are needed or **contact Bill to opt out.**

Recruit one or more friends of any age.

Other Volunteers: Bill will contact Teal Parker

-Ray School and Marion Cross School Volunteer leader

And will try to attend a PTO meeting to encourage parents to help.

-Officer Dan Fowler will be there with a bicycle (if no emergency)

Tent and team cannot be there due to a Dartmouth bike event.

Publicity- See attached flyer from Hanover Parks and Recreation.

Check out Here in Hanover magazine that advertises 2023 Rodeo.

Will contact Principals at Ray and Marion Cross Schools.

Question: Do we also want to target middle school riders?

Planning- Bill Y will confirm Parks and Recreation obtained

Outdoor Events Permit and Ray School Permits

Fire Department participation. Kids love fire trucks.

Collect supplies for event and set up Sunday morning.

### **May 3 Wednesday, 7:15-8am Walk, Bike 'n Roll to School**

Rain or shine. Likely at north end of Shared Use Path Lyme Road.

Officer Jim Martin will join us.

Contact Bill if you wish to help.

### **Spring Walk and Roll- If, When and Where to be determined.**

2022-Occom and Dresden events were welcomed by families.

2023- Propose 3 or more events with other locations suggested

Dunster Drive, Sachem Village, other???

Action:

1. Bill will follow up with Mike McGillen and Kasia Warburton. Is there interest and a leader? We will support them
2. HBW members- Make suggestions. Ideal locations are relatively flat, low volume traffic and resident children.

## **Sustainability Master Plan new chapters released 45-7pm Zoom**

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 - Safe Routes to Sachem