Hanover Bike Walk--Minutes August 5, 2021 DRAFT 8/5/21

Present: Zoom. Jennie Chamberlain (chair), Bill Young (recorder), Tim Cox, David Dostal, Jim Martin (police).

Chairs Report

• Federal Infrastructure Bills now in legislature. Good news for cyclists and pedestrians but not the dream changes desired.
• League of American Cyclists- lobbying for bike-ped funding. HBW is a member. Information about infrastructure and about new timelines for Bike Friendly Town 9/1 and University 10/1.
  o https://www.bikeleague.org/
• 25 Mph Speed limit Study before implementing urban 25 mph. Roads to study have been identified. School Principal support.
• Federal Funding $350,000 from Representative Kuster with details to follow. Chase Field to Ray School MUP.
• Allen Street Sidewalks, sign and accessibility for walkers- Still North Book Store and Café- Public input from citizen requesting better signage to avoid going down north side of street and finding the sidewalk blocked. Possibly paint sign on sidewalk.
• Active Dartmouth- Advocacy group for individuals with disabilities is engaged with HBW and Dartmouth planners. Invited to HBW meeting.
• House Keeping. Howe Library in person meetings scheduled 4:30-6:00 Thurs. Sept 2 (next), Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2 and forward.
  o Bill will see if hybrid in person plus zoom is possible.
  o Bill (recorder) will not be able to attend Sept 2, Oct 7.
  o Please advise Jennie and Bill if you cannot attend and what dates.

RODEO Bike- Wed August 4 at Richmond School with Farmers Market

Summary- 27 Children attended the pandemic postponed Rodeo on the grass and baseball infield next to the Wednesday Hanover Farmers Market. Parks and Rec (HPR) collaboration, Police tent with helmets, Dartmouth mechanics (3), volunteer support (21), weather, bike stations and community building were great. Welcome signs with high flags, 10 painted posters, cones, and Police tent made the Rodeo visible and inviting. The children and volunteers had fun. Numbers were half of usual May events at Ray School. Summer? No school? HBW should consider repeating a Safety Rodeo in September to reach more kids when schools are open for broader promotion and participation.
See RODEO folder on google drive for details.

- **Recommendations**
  - Extra bikes for children who do not have them. HPD Jim Martin.
  - Lots of new helmets distributed by HPD. Jim Martin.
  - Explore repeating the RODEO is September or October with the Ray School Staff and Hanover Parks and Recreation.
  - Walk/Bike to School Day October 6 Wednesday. Plan HBW role.
  - Return to Ray School Parking area on Sunday for future RODEOs. The parking lot works. Grass was challenging for some kids.

**Chase Field to Ray School –Girl Brook Mixed Use Path Funding.**

- $350,000 Representative Kuster approached the town for funding proposals in the price range that were shovel ready.
- Town planner, DPW Director and HBW Chair led an efficient and effective effort to submit the application and solicit community support.
- MOTION- HBW to form a Work Group to communicate and collaborate with the Town Planner, DPW Director, Dartmouth College regarding the project. Approved. Bill Young and Tim Cox volunteered.

**More welcome.** Contact Bill,

- Thank you letters recommended to all who wrote support letters.
- Meeting with Key Planners soon to learn the details of the grant, additional funding options, walk the route, identify challenges, consider public information approaches and community engagement.

**Reservoir Road to Ray School –Mixed Use Path.**

- Senator Shaheen also contacted the town for transportation projects that were ready to go and in the funding range.
- Improvements on Reservoir Road from the Lyme Road Traffic Circle to the school have been in the Master Plan and Safe Routes to Schools for years.
- Rob Houseman, Peter Kulbacki and Jennie Chamberlain efficiently produced a persuasive funding proposal. Again, the community wrote many letters of support.

**Action: No word yet about funding.** We are hopeful. This MUP would connect the existing Lyme Road MUP and the proposed Girl Brook MUP to the schools.

**Dartmouth Green and Streets-College, Library and N. Main. Planning**

  - HBW members are encouraged to review the plans at the link and forward comments to Rob Houseman.
  - New Pedestrian Controlled Rapid Flashing Beacon on North College at crossing from Fairweather Hill Road near Baker Library.  
    *Thanks DPW*
• Request- Update regarding 1) Planning options for the roads, walks and bikes around the green, 2) Planning options for South Main Street Revisioning 3) DHMC missing link from Buck Road to North Access Road planning. Links for concept plan around the Green.
• [Phase 2 Plans_060321.pdf](Phase%202%20Plans_060321.pdf)
• [NEX_2020044_Hanover_Design_II_2021_07_06.pdf](NEX_2020044_Hanover_Design_II_2021_07_06.pdf)

Striping Update
• Embedded striping to preserve paint observed at West and Wheelock, Main Street at Allen Street Alley.
• Deep ½ inch grooves look durable and safe.

Master Plan Chapters and Update
• Jennie and Scot D have been leading this revision
• HBW members are encouraged to review it.
• Please identify chapters that interest you and contribute your insights