MINUTES 10/7/2021 4:30-6:00pm

GOOGLE DRIVE: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EOb24V1-n4erNAB1e61J8oHGk-_44sZ?usp=sharing

ATTENDEES: Jennie Chamberlain, Ann Bracken, Hugh Mellert, Patrick Luckow, James Martin, Rob Houseman

1. Recap: Last week we discussed traffic calming on Rt 10 and plans for around the Green. Rob suggested the importance of an **ADULT BIKE RODEO** to teach people safety tips, how to take the lane, and bike around Hanover confident and capable. Hugh is certified to teach biking safety to school children through BWANH SRTS.

2. **In the news:** 63% of U.S. residents support transportation policies that “shift more trips towards public transit, biking and walking,” regardless of their political affiliation. A further 69% said they would support reforms that make it possible for most people to accomplish their daily tasks without a car.

3. MINUTES (*July, August, Sept*) - We did not have a quorum to adopt minutes! Ann suggests distributing and approving via email.

   Patrick Luckow is officially JOINING the committee.

4. CURRENT

   - Re-envision Main Street survey still up on town website.
   - Phase II, survey for around Green on College / N. Main / Wentworth) is not yet up. Parking in the town garage for events at the Hop, particularly in Spaulding is much closer than parking in front of Dartmouth Hall. Creating wide pedestrian zones increases sense of place and walkability. As noted by planners, college students ride against traffic in this area and contra lanes would help everyone know where to expect them / make it easier for more people to ride.
   - Sustainability Master Planning kicked off - consultants are talking to “early stakeholders” to get a sense of issues. Jennie had an opportunity to talk with them about the importance of walking and biking to sustainability, as well as health, well being, community, sense of place and economic development, connected to land use such as proximity to housing and the burden of parking minimums.
   - Around Town: Missing Crosswalk N. Main/Tuck Dr., Bike Lane Ends sign on bridge NB Wheelock. Noted that several signs are perhaps outdated or in the wrong place. Rob suggests making a **SIGN LIST**, along with SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS. Create via group process, review next month then submit.
- **25mph Safe Speeds** speed study update - Jim Martin / Rob (There is now ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PRESENT TO THE SELECTBOARD. WILL PRESENT CONCEPT for TOWN OWNED STREETS NOT CURRENTLY POSTED NOT - like the package Lebanon…. First Rob will reach out to Pete and Chief, then proceed to Selectboard)

- **Striping & Paving Manual / Complete Streets Policy / (intersections, roundabouts)** update - Rob…

- Walk Bike Plan - **Chapters** LAYOUT IDEA, remove prior plan from main text, only look forward, keep shorter and to the point, supplement with research as an addendum (like the Dartmouth Planning for Possibilities) *HBW needs the Dartmouth supplementary materials as well.

- **NEED PHOTOS** people walking and biking!

5. FUTURE

- E-Bike lending library - Can the town support it? Rob says depends on the risk appetite of the town. He will research whether our town's insurance could cover (they don't cover the Bouncy House at the Park and Rec) We would also need a place to host. People suggest teaming with Dartmouth, and Patrick at the parking division. Will also request back end data from Dartmouth’s previous bike share/ frequency of use. (IRVING - bike storage facility in the Thayer Computer Science, bike works station. CS has a bike room)

- **Safe Routes to DHMC, CHAD** - Jennie, Ann, Bill
- **Safe Routes to Sachem** - Dave, Patrick Jennie, Tim
- Earn a Bike Program? Bicycle Kitchen? High School/Dartmouth/Town partnership?
- Open Streets Events…(Bikes mean Business!) …. Interested in collecting this data? Rob suggests using SURVEY MONKEY with a QR CODE printed on a card that can hand this customers as they finish their visit.. Survey participants could enter into a drawing…… $50 incentives…..

- 1) how did you arrive **WALK BIKE DRIVE**
- 2) how many places have you visited downtown?.

- **Concern expressed from planning board that people only bike a few months out of the year, and that people don't bike at winter.** Ideas - collect stories of people who bike throughout winter, as well as data from other cities and towns demonstrating that infrastructure matters more than weather. Montreal, Burlington, Minneapolis (cold weather)

- **Rob shared a TED Talk about the benefits of bicycling** Cycling helped save his life, broader context of carbon emissions, importance of bicycling for connection and community. IDEA - neighborhood rides, critical mass. (similar messages as in the documentary **Motherload**)
ADULT BIKE RODEO IDEAS -

BASIC COURSE, option for FUTURE ADVANCE COURSE…. Meynard Lot… what you are obligated to do, and what the rights are… LEFT TURNS, RIGHT TURNS, HOW TO STOP, HOW TO SIGNAL STOP, HOW TO DEAL WITH CARS PARKED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD…..

use RMS as an anchor, Dresden training ground, expand on Reservoir and RIP, roundabout, use RIVERCREST to show how to avoid door zone), how to take the lane,… learn to read and forecast what you are doing…. bike lane in front of the middle school….. informing people around you

5-7 riders, with 2 instructors 10-15, group by skill sets together. Use cones. work on some challenges, then split them up.

HUGH - pre-determine who will be which leader. More skill to instruct basics and novices.