Welcome new member, Ann Bracken

1. Reviewed, corrected and approved January 2020 minutes (Joanna Whitcomb abstained as not present last meeting)
2. Joanna Whitcomb will attempt to determine when Dartmouth sports teams will consider adding reflective “D” on team clothing & will do “politicking” on this issue to encourage coaches to adopt this measure.
3. Project “Thank You” on hold as committee representatives not present
4. Discussion about definition of an accident involving motor vehicles, bikes & peds. Officer Scott defined accident as involving injury and/or property damage: no injury/no property damage = no accident. Even indirectly. Example: bike swerves to avoid a car, rider falls & is injured. By contrast, an offense report is any non-criminal accident.
5. Discussed process for searching for accidents/offenses. Sheryl Tallman (town records coordinator) monitors dispatches & collates this information. This is public information. Dartmouth will not release their data.
6. Former HBPC member, Doug Deaett, sent a request w/ photos asking that bike lanes be cleared of snow/ice. Peter Kulbaki (Dept of Public Works) responded saying his department is aware and doing the best they can. This response seems appropriate.
7. Should old HBPC records be archived? Kerry Osgood, who replaced Penny as executive assistant puts HBPC minutes on the town’s website.
8. Jenny Chamberlain (HBPC member) developed form for nominating businesses in town for being Bike/Ped Friendly. The nominating process now needs to be determined. Will target May 2020 Bike to School Day for this and publicize (actual methods not discussed). This is part of the “Project Thank-You.”
9. Update of College Master Plan: people may go to Dartmouth website to see an autodeck presentation. If approved in Mar/Apr there will be an opportunity for public input. Among objectives: enhancing transit, reducing cars, recognize that everyone is a pedestrian, riders need to know where to ride & where not to ride.
10. MicroMobility: Rob Houseman talked about the Bike-Walk NH teleconference on micromobility held Jan 4, 2020. Nashua, NH entered into a contract w/ a vendor for 900 e-scooters to be deployed for use in the city. Nashua is self-insured and is accepting the risks involved in sponsoring this program – no reason for their decision given. Rob said that in NH, scooters cannot legally operate in the travel lane for vehicles, the bike land/MUP or sidewalks. Officer Scott said Hanover PD has discussed this issue and will educate operators. Dartmouth has a 1yr old policy that bikes are not allowed on sidewalks. No policy for one-wheels, e-scooters or e-skateboards.
11. According to Rob, State of NH has defined sidewalks, vehicles & motorized wheelchairs. No specific definition for e-bike/e-scooter/one-wheel/e-skateboard. Rob asked the town to develop the video, “how to walk/ride in town. May possibly upload to YouTube and link on the town’s website. Bill Young is working on a similar project for the town.
12. Capital Improvement Priority List: time to re-score or revise Bike/Ped Master Plan using current scoring system unless revised. Will streamline by eliminating comment column. A motion was made [who?] to discuss list of “Yellow” new projects. Bill Young 2nd the motion
13. Place an agenda item for next month to discuss Earth Day activities.
14. Adjournment