Hanover Bike Pedestrian Committee Minutes  
Thursday Oct 3, 2019 4:30-6 at Howe Library

Present: Bill Young, Chair (BY), Hugh Mellert (HM), Gretchen Stokes, Secretary (GS), Jennie Chamberlain (JC), Dave Dostal (DD)  
AND: Rob Houseman (Director of Zoning and Planning)

1. **Sept Minutes approved**: HM, DD 2nd
2. **Year in Review** 2018-19
   1. Split in categories: engineering, education, encouragement, evaluation and monitoring, enforcement
   2. Many many varied things continued and accomplished this year
3. **Priorities for the 2019-2020 year**
   i. **Homework for all committee members to come up with 5 priorities** in a working document
      1. To be reviewed at Nov meeting
   ii. BY presented his 5
      1. Optimal # of HBPC members, per BY
         a. Enough from each representative neighborhood
         b. Enough to staff events
         c. Enough for work group to spend multiple hours outside of monthly meetings
         d. Approx 2-3 additional
   2. GS prioritizes
      a. Education of drivers in addition to bikes and peds
      b. Positive feedback vs Negative: encouragement and recognition over enforcement and discouragement
3. RH prioritizes projects affecting the downtown core
   a. Defined as W and E Wheelock, N and S Park, Main St and around Green
4. JC and RH excited about Street furniture
   a. Desire for capital improvements may not be evident until use proves after they exist
   b. Activate public spaces, and create a safe and vibrant DT where people feel safe as bikes and peds
      i. JC disturbed by non-charismatic DT spaces, detract from vitality
   c. Local organizations involved include C of C, Vital Communities
   d. Seating in front of DT restaurants on selectboard agenda tonight

3. **Priority Chart**:
   1. How should projects that we can’t affect (i.e. state roads) be rated?
1. **Committee consensus that who owns the infrastructure should not affect how important HBPC sees a project**
   
2. **Who owns it affects our strategy of how to deal with it**
   
   ii. We should be talking to state and DOT to let them know we prioritize these items
   
   1. Best method to communicate to state
      
      a. Via PK/DPW, via State reps, via DOT?
      
   2. Thereby divorcing it from municipal budget/ CIS
   
   3. Pull out all projects that are restricted by the state and communicate these in a block to the state

2. **Rescoring and reranking**
   
   1. RH Most critical areas are driven by volume and safety
   
   2. Will rescore on 5 criteria with safety weighted double, as before
      
      a. Safety, volume, connection
   
   3. Will first needed to review/approve as group all changes, splits and new items (done up to item 32, noted in sheet)

3. **Feedback**
   
   i. JC: feeling positive- lots of things have gotten done
      
      1. Comfort of having structure and solidity of list
   
   ii. BY: frustration the committee never gets through the whole list

4. **Publicity/Communications**
   
   1. **GS Proposal for recognizing** businesses, orgs and other entities for accommodations/actions that encourage biking and walking
      
      i. How to do it
         
         1. Would the college excluded from recognition?
         
      ii. Where to do it: town site, FB site, in minutes, letter, LTE, etc?
         
      iii. Tabled until Nov meeting
         
         1. Workgroup: LA, GS, JC, BY

2. **NH DOT meeting**
   
   i. What can be done to NH roads are they are to mae them better and safer for bikes and peds
      
      1. Planning ahead, new survey
      
      2. Seeking improvements without significant costs
   
   ii. Process:
      
      1. Erica W led meeting: knowledgeable and right people are leading state
      
      2. Bulk of meeting: broke into small groups, with maps and markers
      
      3. multiple regional meetings (this was one), results then put together for future statewide meeting
iii. No funding sources at this time, no mention of TAP funds
   1. Ex: Concord improvements were via TIGER grant
   2. Some VT towns funding bike-ped improvements through Art grants
   3. (RH) funding is attached to standards, we may miss out on opportunities because we are not in MPO (more urban)

3. **Fall Fest** Friday Sept 27th @ Storrs Pond
   i. Not enough people on the committee for adequate volunteers
   ii. Moose
   iii. Taught wave and walk
   iv. Approx 50-100 encounters with kids and parents
   v. Reflective armbands given out
   vi. **Suggestion for next year**: be included as stop in scavenger hunt, drives the flow of traffic

4. **Walk to School Day** Wed Oct 2nd
   i. 75 kids despite threat of weather
   ii. Some of police staffing event got called away for other duties

5. **Financial**
   i. Municipal staff always looking far ahead and chasing funding, but likely to ignore smaller grants (< a few K)
   ii. BY will continue to alert town of smaller grant opportunities

2. **LAB Bike Friendly Community** certification: Hanover received bronze 2016
   i. Last 4 years, expires 2020
   ii. RH has accessed previous application, TC and BY had completed
   iii. RH will work with BY to understand prior numbers

6. **Public Input**
   1. **Greensboro**:
      i. LA: no news, Etna Rd group leader has been away
      ii. RH: at neighborhood meeting, individuals had widely divergent views of what Greensboro neighborhood is: from tranquil pedestrian neighborhood to high-speed travel artery
         1. Character changes by time of day
         2. Big jump from current state to MUP
         3. Recommends incremental change, i.e. narrowing of lanes
         4. MUP cannot go within floodplain (much of area around Greensboro) by FEMA rules

7. **Projects/Construction**
1. **DHMC: North Access Road** > Buck: holding pattern
   i. At last meeting with DHMC RH reiterated having DHMC fund it to make good on originally stated intent
   ii. Could be linked in with Bio-Mass plant project, if moving to old Trumbull Nelson building
      1. Planned for fall 2020
      2. Bio-mass now on hold, due to debate

2. **Lot 9 DHMC:**
   i. will include bike racks, sheltered bike lane
   ii. Hampden: currently under construction

3. **Sachem > S. Main**
   i. Should be collaboration between college and town
      1. Human powered commuters dominated by grad students
   ii. If town and college can generate vision, state more likely to move (Rte 10 is State road)
      1. No substructure on either side of route 10, therefore would take immense amount of work to expand roadway (HM- from meeting several years ago)
      2. Development on Route 10 starting West Leb, still 305 years out

4. **Ripley @ South Main**
   i. No stop sign at one part of 3 way intersection
   ii. Possibly used as a cut-through from Norwich to DHMC
   iii. Contender for chicane treatment

5. **Power ROW, West side of south main**
   i. All parts within Lebanon jurisdiction

6. **Deficiency/ GAP report**
   i. Most were painting

8. **Education**
   1. BY and RH to collaborate on [video](#)

9. **Meeting Adjourned**