



HANOVER BIKE WALK COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda: Monday, February 4, 2025 @ 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

[Committee Files: February Meeting Folder](#)

Town Hall (41 S Main St): [Boardroom](#) (or [via Zoom](#) — ID: 82297440412)

Attendees: Jennie Chamberlain (Chair), Evan Gerson (Vice-Chair, Zoom), Matthew Kim (Secretary), Robert Houseman (Town Manager), Captain Jim Martin (HPD), Rai-Ching Yu, Kate Hawkins, Hugh Mellert, Bill Young, Nicolás Macri (Guest), Amy Haak (Guest), John Wheaton (Guest), Kim Estes (Guest), Clark Paolini (Guest), Marshall Carey-Matthews (Guest, Zoom)

1. ORGANIZATIONAL:

- [January 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Approved by the Committee!

2. NEWS: [NACTO: Urban Bike Design Guide](#)

3. RECAP: [Shared Street Planning](#), [Girl Brook](#) fundraising subcommittee

4. CURRENT:

4:40 PM – 5:15 PM

- [College Wheelock Improvement Plan](#)
 - [Focus on Alternative 4](#) (Rob)
 - Houseman discusses the town's thought on the intersection (College St. and E Wheelock St.) design proposals from last week's selectboard meeting
 - Alternative 1, did not choose because of its inability to accommodate its snow maintenance plans (turning radius, safety services vehicles).
 - Alternative 2, maintains a left hand turn lane but did not choose because the left turn impedes through lane visibility, putting pedestrians at risk.
 - Alternative 3, did choose because it prioritizes the vehicles that didn't meet the overall use of the intersection.
 - Alternative 4: preferred alternative. 3 leg pedestrian crossing, heated bus shelter that's 40 ft long.
 - No flashing lights will be at this intersection.
 - To include a raised intersection at this crosswalk, the town will have to modify drainage since raised intersections will change stormwater runoff. There will be no cost to the town to install a raised intersection, but the town will be responsible for future maintenance (snow).
 - Jennie: A Dartmouth parent oversaw the installation of the raised intersection and drainage at Miami of Ohio and can be a resource.
 - Alternative 4B: did not choose because there was concern that the multi-use path does not go anywhere (could be brought up again in future with the College) and parallel parking.
 - Houseman: Main pedestrian surges happen between 12:15PM-12:30PM and 3:45PM-7:00PM



- Estes: Raised concerns about times when there is less pedestrian traffic for wheelchair/mobile chair users.
- Kate: Points out westbound bike lane goes nowhere, what we can put forward about accessibility, lighting, raised intersection, etc.
- Hugh: Will cars that are queuing behind a left-turning car try to go around/have space to go around and go over the sidewalk?
 - Houseman: Cannot control human nature but cars should not be able to go around.
 - Kate: Curious about making a decision about not recommending the bike lane. Jennie: Clarifies that the bike lane only goes along half of the Green, not the full length, due to the scope of the project area.
- [Raised Crossing Information](#) and [Data Analysis](#) (Jennie)
 - Nico: Suggest that the committee sends a letter to the Selectboard raising our concern over implementing the intersection improvements properly. Also recommends to mention that the committee is inspired by the vision put forward by 2021 Selectboard.
 - Hawkins suggests sending a letter to the Selectboard for meeting next Monday
 - Jennie makes alternates, Hawkins and Yu to be acting members
 - Propose 4 points
 - Strongly supports the design of shortened cross, drop of lane
 - Encourages planning in line with vision of the town having a connected accessible pedestrian bicycle network (this relates in particular to the bicycle network, which is not able to be fully addressed with this project)
 - Strong recommendation backed up by information by relative cheapness and value of raised crosswalk
 - Asking town staff about information about what tradeoffs are from town prospective. Committee wants the selectboard to ask town staff.
 - Hawkins motion to ask the chair of the committee to write a letter to the Selectboard from the committee with the above 4 points. Mellert seconds. Unanimous roll call vote.
- [College Street Redesign explainer](#)
 - Draft of an College Street Redesign explainer, following up on Bill's call for an explanation about how to use the redesigned College Street and publishing something in the Valley News about the redesign so people know of the good work in Hanover and how to use the street
 - Kate makes a motion to send a letter. Matthew seconds motion. All in favor.
- Walk Audit: [Lebanon from Crosby to Hovey](#) (Jennie)
 - Thinking about mapping results to something like ArcGIS to create reports whenever you touch a street.
 - Simplifying walk audit and dividing between a length of street and intersections (intersections take longer)



- Observations: snow banks along the street parking forces people to walk on the road instead of going to the sidewalk. Snow is a barrier.
- Many people crossing on Sunday
- The recently redone sidewalks are much better in meeting mobility needs of people with mobility disabilities
- [Complete Streets Policy](#) (Jennie)
 - Passed by the Selectboard. The site plan regulations, and subdivision regulations should be updated to reflect the Complete Streets Policy. This falls to the Planning Board, which can update these at any time. The Planning Board is currently getting ready zoning amendments for Town Meeting.
- Dodd Stacy: [foot path expertise](#) request. Hugh Mellert will be in contact with him for a site plan visit and to go over necessary steps and considerations.
- [2024 HBW Town Report](#) - draft ideas
 - Jennie: Asks members to contribute towards a report with anything not included and to add some photos.
- Housekeeping (Kim) moved to adopt January minutes. All in favor.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM

- Planning Board Zoning Amendment discussion February 4
- [ENGs 89/90 West Wheelock Accessibility Project](#), SURVEY: dartgo.org/westwheelockst

5. FUTURE: [Capital Improvement Priority List](#); [Safe Routes to DHMC](#); [Safe Routes to Sachem](#); [Funding Opportunities](#); [Infrastructure Outside of Hanover](#); [No Turn on Red at the Coop](#), [Bike Safety Classes](#), [Winter Bicycle Lane Maintenance](#), Bond Almond, Bike Racks, Bus Shelters