



HANOVER BIKE WALK COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: Monday, October 9, 2023 @ 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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Present: Jennie Chamberlain (Chair, Selectboard Representative), David Anderson (Secretary, Dartmouth Campus Planning), Hugh Mellert (Member), Tim Cox (Member), Patrick Luckow (Member), Kevin Hartstein (Guest), Kate Hawkins (Guest), Wendell Wu '23 (Guest), Daniel Cai '26 (Guest, Dartmouth Student Government Senator), Raif Olson '24 (Guest); Zoom: Scot Drysdale (Member).

Absent: Nicolás Macri (Vice Chair), Lara Acker (Member), David Dostal (Member), Bill Young (Member).

1. NEWS: [Philosophy of Care: A Tribute to Coach Buddy Teevens](#).

Chamberlain encouraged attendees to read the tribute article to Coach Buddy Teevens, who recently passed away due to complications from being hit when riding a bicycle.

2. RECAP: [Allen St Block Party Bike Valet](#), [HBW on Town Website](#) (in progress), Voted to Approve and Adopt [Bylaws](#) and Elect Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary), [25 MPH Speed Limit Between the Roundabouts](#) (PASSED), Girl Brook Shared Use Path, [Fayerweather Hall Renovations](#), [S Main St Re-Envisioned](#).

Chamberlain provided a recap since last meeting and highlighted that the bike valet during the Allen St block party was well-received; upgrades to the HBW page on the Town of Hanover website are in progress; the Committee adopted bylaws and elected officers at the last meeting; the speed limit adjacent to Richmond Middle School was officially reduced to 25 mph; Fayerweather Hall renovation plans include a new green space and covered bike parking; the Town is considering bonding for the S Main St improvements at the 2024 Town Meeting.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL: [September Meeting Minutes](#).

Luckow moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mellert; all voted in favor.

4. CURRENT:

4:10 PM – 5:10 PM

- Welcome!

The Committee welcomed new guests Kevin Hartstein, Kate Hawkins, two-year old Margot, Daniel Cai '26, and Raif Olson '24.

- [Walk 'n Roll to School Day & Fall Fest.](#)

Chamberlain mentioned that there were approximately 70 participants (20 adults and 50 kids) along the shared use path on Walk to School Day (Ray Elementary School only, Richmond Middle School was the following day). At Fall Fest, Committee members visited with parents and kids and gave out a few dozen reflective bands, and Young let people know about the planned Girl Brook Path.

- Main Wheelock District: Multi-Modal Plan (& [Crossing at Old Tuck Dr](#)).

Committee members expressed interest in learning more about the bicycle and pedestrian improvements that are being considered for W Wheelock St that were mentioned during the College's announcement for apartment style housing at 25 W Wheelock St. Chamberlain will follow-up with Robert Houseman to inquire.

Members also discussed interest in making the temporary crossing that was installed across W Wheelock St in the vicinity of Old Tuck Dr a permanent improvement. Chamberlain will follow-up with Robert Houseman and Peter Kulbacki for a status update on conversations with the state government to try and make this happen.

- [2023 Best Complete Streets Policies](#): David Anderson.

Anderson mentioned that he and Rob Housemen exchanged an initial email correspondence about updating the current Complete Streets Policy to conform with updated guidance from Smart Growth America. The Committee is on track to review potential updates at the next meeting.

- [ENGS 89](#): HBW Project.

Wu and Olson explained that they are working on an ENGS 89 project, for the benefit of the HBW Committee, to develop a device/tool to count

bicycles and pedestrian travel. ENGS 89 is a two-term course and will conclude after winter term, in March of 2024. They've corresponded with the Town of Hanover Public Works Director Peter Kulbacki to understand the data captured by the Grid Smart technology on the traffic signals and hope to develop a user-friendly tool that the HBW Committee can utilize to gather data in the future.

- Traffic Safety Working Group: [Staff Report](#).

Chamberlain shared the most recent staff report from the Town of Hanover's Traffic Safety Working Group. The following items were discussed:

- a pedestrian signal at the East Wheelock St & Verona Ave intersection,
- paving requests for Balch Hill Rd and gravel roads,
- the crosswalk policy at the Dunster Dr / Wyeth Rd crossing of S Main St,
- speeding on Partridge Rd,
- the Etna Rd speed limit,
- speeding on Grasse Rd,
- staffing capacity for transportation planning,
- the Old Tuck Dr crossing of West Wheelock St,
- traffic signage policies, and
- visibility issues at the southern roundabout on Lyme Rd.

The Committee discussed progress on the Dunster/Wyeth neighborhood crosswalk proposal. UVLSRPC conducted counts and the location to determine whether the level of pedestrian activity was sufficient to justify installation of a crosswalk at this location.

The Committee discussed the Crosstown Trail concept and the need for a sidewalk or multi-use path on Verona Ave to connect into the Girl Brook Trail improvements. The consensus was that a multi-use path made the most sense in this area. Chamberlain offered to communicate this back to the Town of Hanover.

Chamberlain discussed possible improvements to Old Tuck Dr, including posting a lower speed limit, painting sharrows, and improving the tip-downs, suggesting that this be communicated to the College since Old Tuck Dr is not a public street.

Luckow stressed the importance of trying to figure out how best to communicate with the Traffic Safety Working Group to ensure a productive working relationship.

The Committee discussed various bike/walk challenges along Lebanon St and noted that a corridor-level analysis of Lebanon St between S Park St and S Main St was warranted.

- Allen St: Open Streets Event (Saturday, October 28).
- [TMA Walk](#): Thursday, October 26 @ 3 PM ([Map](#)) / TMA Appointment.

Jennie mentioned that the Transportation Management Association (TMA) of Vital Communities was planning a walk around Hanover on Thursday, October 26 to highlight successful bike/walk improvements and possibly to highlight current issues. Committee members were invited to join.

- [Re-Organization](#): Vote to Recommend Voting Members, Alternate Members, and (Non-Voting) Contributing Members for Selectboard Appointment to HBW Committee.

The Committee tabled this item until the next meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5:10 PM – 5:20 PM

- [NH 10-Year Plan](#): share thoughts before Friday, November 3.
 - Email william.e.watsonjr@dot.nh.gov.
- Sustainability Master Plan: Open House on Wednesday, October 18 & Thursday, October 19.
 - Stop by to give feedback.
- Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library: Kilton Library (Tuesday, October 10 Ride)
 - 10:45 AM: Arrive at Hanover Co-Op by the Bike Racks
 - 11:00 AM: Travel to DHMC and Mount Support Rd to Lucky's for Coffee at 12:30 PM. Travel via the Mascoma River Greenway to the Miracle Mile and then to the Kilton Library to see the bikes and meet people at the Library.
- Hanover–West Lebanon Main St Connection: Citizen Group Meeting at Kilton Library: Tim Cox.

6. FUTURE:

- Metrics, [Safe Routes to DHMC](#), [Safe Routes to Schem](#).

The Committee adjourned at 5:45 PM.