Pedestrian Bike Committee

February 24, 2021 7:30-9:00 AM

MINUTES

Members Present:
Rosemarie De Angelis, Chair; Carl Eppich, Tony Grande, Tex Haueser, Doug Howard, Laura Mauldin, Alan Mills, Paul Niehoff, Officer Rocco Navarro, Jim Tasse, Jeff Woodbury, Erik Weisenburger

Others Present:
Jaime Parker, Cashel Stewart

Members Not in Attendance:
Sue Henderson

Meeting called to order at 7:30AM by Chair De Angelis

1. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2021
   ● Moved by Alan Mills
   ● Seconded by Eric Weisenburger

2. Land Trust, Tex
   ● Connector trail from Broadway behind Irving to Hinkley Park
   ● Additional trail Clarks Pond Trail

3. Formalizing/Improving Wildcat Trails, Eric Weisenburger
   ● Eric is waiting until the land is better to navigate (seasonal)
   Next Step:
   ● Tex to contact Barbara D. Erik and Jim to discuss walking the trail or share a map.

4. Demonstration Projects, Jim Tasse
   ● Potentially use grant money for high visibility crossings
     ○ High visibility signage, yield to Pedestrians
   ● Preble and Angell curb extension and demonstration crosswalk, attempting to make ADA compliant
   ● Keswick Road, creating a series of curb extensions, chicane, and a traffic table
     ○ Rocco did a speed study. Keswick is used as a cross through
○ By the housing authority project, potentially review after the project is complete
○ Concerns about traffic once Middle School construction completed by 2023
● Greenbelt and Chestnut, advisory lanes on Chestnut
  ○ Bikes are often confused at the end of Chestnut
● Broadway, at St. Cyr Court using a gateway treatment
  ○ This location has improvements planned as part of the bond for Broadway improvements. Potentially this summer.
  ○ Could do a pilot in advance of the project or prioritize other areas?
  ○ It would be a good location if the project can’t happen prior to the summer.
● All projects would be Bike/Ped Committee Projects, sponsored by the Bike Coalition of Maine
● Request to consider Cottage/Pillsbury due to the level of danger of the crosswalk, depending on the timing of the Cottage Road project
  ○ Would take more coordination particularly with property owners
  ○ Having a temporary structure would be a gradual introduction and plans for hardscape could be modified
  ○ Boy was clipped by car recently
● Demonstrations around the state have become pilots, as funding becomes available
● Future timelines:
  ○ Broadway  2022
  ○ Waterlines will be installed on Broadway this summer
  ○ Meeting House Hill, Pine St to Cottage this summer, water company is also doing replacement lines

5. Sable Oaks Development, Jaime Parker, Portland Trails
● Supportive of demonstration projects and testing, including color/paint on specific locations. Wooden planters/Street furniture. Portland Trails is supporting creating a place to an intersection that might not otherwise be noticed.
● Working with West End Trails and having discussions with the developer early about ways to make the area more walkable, various transportation options, destinations
● Various owners, various LLCs underneath the Sable Oaks development. Westbrook has a corner of the lot but not planning to develop
● Approved subdivision with various owners under the Ocean Properties development. The owner sells individual lots, so it is developed gradually
BCM would be willing to support trail/bike/ped accommodations
The Bike/Ped Committee would be willing to discuss supporting it in the future

6. Upcoming Projects, Doug Howard
   - Broadway went out to bid for 3 weeks
   - Broadway pedestrians
   - Master bike/ped plan for South Portland
     ○ Would loop Bike/Ped into the master plan

7. Agenda for next month:
   - Cushing’s Point Transportation Study (Broadway Corridor and potential ferry access to Portland), Carl
   - Hill Street Development
   - Lincoln Street
   - Redbank/Brick Hill

Next Meeting:
March 17, 2021
7:30-9:00
Location: ZOOM

Follow ups from prior meetings:
   - Communicate project status and timeline:
     ○ Letters to the Editor
     ○ South Portland Newsletter
     ○ Ken Kunin, South Portland School Department Superintendent

Links of Committees and Projects Discussed
   - South Portland Middle School
     ○ https://www.spsd.org/district/middle-school-project
   - Calm the Traffic
     ○ https://www.facebook.com/SopoCalmthetraffic/
   - SlowME Down
     ○ https://www.bikemaine.org/slow-me-down/
   - Age Friendly South Portland
     ○ https://agefriendly.community/community/south-portland-me/
     ○ https://www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlySP/
Respectfully submitted,
Laura Mauldin, Secretary