

**TOWN OF LYNDON**  
**BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Approved 2/20/18

**Committee Members:** Lew Apgar, Dan Daley, Harry Morrison, Jill Nichols

**Public Official(s):** None

**Public:** None

Lew Apgar chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Harry Morrison made a **motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 as written**. Lew Apgar **seconded the motion**. The Committee **voted 2-0**.

Lew Apgar shared that he discussed kiosk signage with FLEK and should have more information to bring back for next meeting. Mr. Apgar noted that original costs were based on rail trail specs and if the signs were smaller it would save money. Mr. Apgar shared that ATD built the signage and another contractor did the kiosk. He anticipated the approximate cost of two signs at \$8,000. Mr. Apgar suggested prioritizing the sign at the park and ride if full funding is not available beyond the \$4,500 from the hospital grant. At this point, there should be enough money for one sign and the design of both signs. The committee could reach out to the community and other organizations for the remaining funds. Jill Nichols will discuss with Chad Simpson (Engineering) and Travis Bugbee (Construction and Maintenance) at Lyndon Institute about doing the plans and build of the kiosk.

Dan Daley brought up a question from Marty Feltus about the committee looking into a sidewalk continuation on College Road. It was confirmed that at this point there were no plans to add a sidewalk in this location.

Lew Apgar came up with an updated mission statement:

*The mission of the Lyndon Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is to advise, advocate, and promote access and safety for bikers and walkers in Lyndon.*

Dan Daley made a motion to approve the mission statement. Jill Nichols seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0.

Discussion was initiated in regards to the letter written to the Selectboard by Annie McLean. Dan Daley shared updates on the process. Harry Morrison asked if there were opportunities for the Town to make suggestions about how to make transportation improvements. Mr. Daley suggested that the Agency of Transportation (AOT) makes plans, brings it to the Town at a late stage in preparation for implementation, and may or may not take Town suggestions into consideration. The committee was in agreement that we need to pursue another public forum with VTrans in order to take into consideration updated needs. Mr. Daley stated that he would gladly send the letter on to VTrans after review by the Selectboard. Harry Morrison made a motion to send the letter to the Selectboard. Lew Apgar seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0.

Mr. Apgar discussed the possibility of creating trails through the Powers Park property. This might create an opportunity for local kids to learn how to ride and to have easier access to biking. Mr. Apgar suggested connecting the organization LINK with Powers Park in order to help provide bikes to local kids. Local Motion could also be another partner for bike education. Mr. Daley suggested having loaner bikes at Powers Park during the summer programs so that kids can have the option to swim, play tennis, and ride.

Mr. Apgar noted that during the second week in May there is a Bike Safety Fair at Lyndon Town School (LTS). The St. Johnsbury schools have a similar event and provide free helmets. Jill Nichols suggested that we could do more to promote the event at LTS. Mr. Apgar will reach out to LTS Principal Amy Gale to learn more about the event.

Mr. Apgar suggested an opportunity to have a second footbridge across the Passumpsic River that could tie in with trails at Powers Park. Discussion ensued about challenges and opportunities that exist. Mr. Daley suggested that rather than building a second footbridge, it would be more cost-effective to determine the landowners on the east side of the river and to find a way to connect from the current footbridge to Powers Park through the land in question. Mr. Apgar suggested connecting with NVDA and possibly Local Motion to continue this conversation.

Discussion ensued about the map project with Bryanna Smith. It appears that the Chamber is interested in being involved in the project but from communication received, it doesn't appear that they have funding. Mr. Apgar suggested that the map could have businesses displayed in order to provide funding. Mr. Apgar will get in touch with Doug Morton at NVDA to look into funding and the committee will continue to discuss this at the next meeting.

In discussion of the traffic count, there was a question as to whether or not the traffic count had been completed due to some communication issues with NVDA. Mr. Apgar expects to have an update at the next meeting.

**The next Lyndon Bike and Ped Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.