

TOWN OF LYNDON
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Committee Members: Lew Apgar, Catherine Boykin, Harry Morrison, Ben Rush, Benjie Tessier

Public Official(s): Annie Geratowski

Public: Chris Manges, Rob Heath

Annie Geratowski chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

This was the first official meeting of the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Committee is charged with implementation of the Lyndon Walk & Bike Safety Action Plan (the Plan). Each Committee Member introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their interests in serving on the Committee. Annie Geratowski explained that the Committee would need to elect a chair and vice-chair to serve in 2017, however as guests from Lyndon Institute were present the Committee agreed to discuss improvements to the College Road and Center Street intersection first.

The Committee discussed possible safety improvements at the intersection of College Road and Center Street, including those specifically laid out in the Plan. Chris Manges and Rob Heath joined the discussion as representatives of Lyndon Institute (LI). Benjie Tessier provided an overview of the projects already in the works, including the narrowing of the College Road travel lanes to 11 feet each and striping new fog lines to leave a 4 foot, stenciled bike lane on each side. There was discussion of the heavy use of College Road by 18-wheelers for deliveries to LI and Lyndon State College and how these vehicles would interact with cyclists on the proposed narrowed lanes. Rob explained that LI has hired Bread Loaf to begin a campus master planning process and that they are aware of the Lyndon Walk & Bike Safety Action Plan. Rob and Chris agreed that LI was generally supportive of the Plan, however keeping communication open was important. It was noted that the Plan may evolve as the Committee explores what works and what doesn't. Additional discussion included the parallel versus back-in parking on lower College Street, the water trough/"marshmallow" at the intersection (is it a help or a hindrance?), and lighting and safety instruction.

Annie Geratowski provided a brief overview of V.S.A. § 4433 (Advisory Commission and Committees) and V.S.A. § 312 (Vermont Open Meeting Law). The main implications for the Lyndon Bike and Ped Advisory Committee is that agendas must be posted at least 48 hours prior to all regular meetings and meeting minutes must be taken and posted on the Town website within five days of the meeting.

The Committee discussed the roles of chair and vice-chair. Cathy Boykin made a **motion to nominate Lew Apgar as Committee Chair and Ben Rush as Committee Vice-Chair**. Harry Morrison **seconded the motion**. The Committee **voted 5-0**.

Several other bike-ped safety topics, in addition to those specifically called out in the Plan, were discussed for 2017 work plan and beyond. Annie Geratowski will create a master list for review at the next meeting.

The next Lyndon Bike and Ped Advisory Committee meeting will be May 9, 2017. The meeting will start on site at the corner of College Road and Center Street.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.