

Town of Lyndon
Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
APPROVED

Committee Members: Lew Apgar, Cathy Boykin, Jill Nichols, Harry Morrison, Beth Knapinski (public), and a representative from the media (Northern Vermont University - NVU)

Lew Apgar chaired the meeting, which began at 5:17 p.m.

The agenda was adjusted to move forward items of interest to the representative from NVU. Mr. Apgar shared maps of the Town Garage Park update and noted that one of the pieces removed was the drop off point for boats on the south side of Route 114. Mr. Apgar would recommend that a boating drop off point be added to the south side of the park, as that location would be more appropriate and accessible for boaters whereas the north side would be better suited and accessible for bikers. Mr. Morrison noted that it is important to consider the current vehicle size when determining space allotted for the parking lot. Mr. Apgar explained that the timeline for possible implementation of the park is based upon acquiring grants and collecting targeted feedback. Mr. Morrison suggested ensuring that paths throughout the park are approximately eight feet wide to allow for two-way traffic. Mr. Apgar asked the group about the crosswalk from the north side to the south side of Route 114. The group was generally in favor of having a crosswalk to help with visibility and awareness for drivers. Mr. Morrison made a motion to pass the Committee's comments on to Ms. McLean with the Town. Ms. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Apgar will pass along the Committee's comments to Ms. McLean

The Committee was asked by Lyndon Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Lafferty about looking at the feasibility of creating a trail between Powers Park and the municipal building. Two parcels of land through which the perspective trail would run (parcel 47 and 85) are both owned by the same couple, Dave and Lois Williams. Mr. Williams was the longtime postmaster in Lyndon. Anton and Margaret Jareman own parcel 81, the other privately held parcel. Mr. Morrison volunteered to reach out to both property owners about having a trail run through their property. Mr. Apgar noted that Powers Park's vision would be to have a trail that is accessible both by bikers and pedestrians. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Apgar both suggested doing a walk through of the properties if permission is granted both during the winter and the spring. Mr. Apgar noted that Powers Park is also looking to build trails through their property and to rebuild the pump track. Powers Park is also looking to connect their trails and property to the Riverwalk Trail. Mr. Morrison noted that because much of the land is in the floodplain, development will probably be limited to mowing grass and cutting limbs. Mr. Apgar will reach out to Ms. McLean to gain more detail about the symbology on the parcel map.

Ms. Knapinski has been in contact with Travis Bugbee and Javin Leonard from Lyndon Institute to promote the kiosk project. The current plan is to document and publicize students working on the project in early spring and to repeat the process when the kiosks are installed later in the spring. Ms. Knapinski pointed out that this a great story and a good project that involves a variety of connections from community organizations.

Mr. Apgar is working with organizers to get materials from Blue Cross Blue Shield to get "driver's licenses" for kids who attend the Lyndon Town School Safety Fair. This encourages kids to be safe while riding bikes. Mr. Apgar is looking for more volunteers to help out at the fair this year. Members from the

waste management district, as well as LINK, have previously been present and able to give out bikes. St. Johnsbury also has a Safety Fair on the same day with similar amenities, as well as free food.

Ms. Nichols motioned to approve all previous draft meeting minutes (August, September, December, and January). Mr. Apgar seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Cathy Boykin noted that for the America Walks grant for which she applied on behalf of the Committee, twenty-seven projects were approved out of 750 total applications.

Mr. Morrison updated the Committee on his meeting with Bill Humphrey from the Lyndonville Electric Department (LED). At the meeting, Mr. Morrison handed off the data that had been collected up to this point, and Mr. Humphrey was grateful for the information. Mr. Morrison suggested that once the Committee finishes collecting data, it will be helpful to write up a more formal recommendation to LED. Ms. Boykin also noted from her own observations and discussions with locals that it seems like there should be more lighting downtown to draw attention to the center of town.

Mr. Apgar adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 12th at 5:15 p.m.**