

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

**August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Approved 9/12/17

**Committee Members:** Lew Apgar, Catherine Boykin, Dan Daley, Harry Morrison, Benjie Tessier

**Public Official(s):** Annie McLean

**Public:** None

Lew Apgar chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Dan Daley made a **motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017 as amended**. Cathy Boykin **seconded the motion**. The Committee **voted 5-0**.

Lew Apgar updated the Committee on the progress of safety improvements at the intersection of College Road and Center Street, noting that Doug Morton (NVDA) has agreed to facilitate traffic counts along the stretch of road between the intersection and Back Center Road for two weeks this fall once school is in session. There was discussion as to whether or not traffic counts when Lyndon Institute and Lyndon State College were not in session would be useful as a comparison and to identify other peak usage times. Annie McLean mentioned that the Lyndon Police Chief Jack Harris was not on board with a temporary trial or “pop-up” demonstration three or four-way stop at the intersection and believes this will create undue traffic backups along Center Street. Dan Daley commented that an alternating stop pattern here may not initially be understood by motorists. The use of Back Center/Center Street as a cut through was also noted as was the possibility of a four-way stop deterring cut through traffic. Mr. Apgar noted that Doug Morton has suggested the “pop-up” demonstration based on something similar that was tried in St. Johnsbury. It was agreed that the Committee would hold off on making a recommendation to the Selectboard until the traffic count data could be reviewed.

Lew Apgar updated the Committee on the 2018 Municipal Park-and-Ride grant program as well as the 2018 NVRH Community Health Fund grant program and how these grants might be applied to kiosks, signage, benches, etc. at the trailheads of the PAL River Walk Trail. The Committee discussed the potential designs for a kiosk at the Miller’s Run Bridge Park and Ride that would house PAL trails information, a community bulletin board, and historical information about the Bridge. Benjie Tessier raised concerns about the potential for vandalism in the park and ride area citing past examples from Powers Park.

Cathy Boykin distributed updated (2016) versions of the “Walker’s Guide to Lyndonville” map. Annie McLean will look into getting a link to the digital version on the Town website and Benjie Tessier will contact the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce about making the map available via their website. Dan Daley mentioned that he would try to find a map of the trails at Lyndon State College.

Annie McLean updated the Committee on the Village crosswalk painting schedule, noting that according to Joe Dauphin, the Village Public Works Supervisor, all of the crosswalks in the Village are scheduled to be repainted with the new green color. This is a Village effort and the Town has no current plans to use the green color on the Town sidewalks. The sidewalks on Center Street and College Street fall under the Town’s jurisdiction. Lew Apgar shared some research on best practices for crosswalk striping, noting that certain studies showed that the “z” striping pattern provided better visibility. Mr. Apgar also questioned why some of the Village crosswalks that had been repainted green had white stripes marking the edges perpendicular to the street and some did not and whether this made them more visible to oncoming traffic. Ms. McLean will inquire with Mr. Dauphin about this matter. Committee members will view Village crosswalks at night and have comments on visibility for the next meeting. Neon (painted) crosswalks and

artistic crosswalks, such as crosswalks painted to look like railroad tracks, were also discussed. Cathy Boykin suggested the Committee thank Joe Dauphin for his work on the Village Crosswalks.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft work plan for 2017. The possible extension of the River Walk Trail to the east side of the river to form a loop was discussed and added to the work plan. Harry Morrison suggested that the Village paint bike lane and bike “sharro” markings away from driveway intersections to keep the wear down and the markings more visible. Dan Daley gave an update on the progress of the VTrans “2020” Route 5 Plan. The Committee directed Annie McLean to draft a letter to the Selectboard recommending that VTrans hold additional public meetings to inform Lyndon residents about the Plan and obtain current feedback. Several areas where sidewalk sections remain unconnected were discussed. The Committee will identify these areas on a map at the next meeting.

Cathy Boykin informed the Committee about the Vermont Community Foundation’s Northeast Kingdom Fund Grants. These grants support opportunities in which a modest grant can leverage a new idea or other grant dollars, or make possible a project or idea that will benefit the people and communities in the Northeast Kingdom. The application deadline is September 6, 2017.

The next Lyndon Bike and Ped Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2017. Benjie Tessier may miss the meeting due to her scheduled hip replacement surgery in late August.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.