

**AGENDA
PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 5, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM #2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

APRIL 7, 2020

PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
REMOTE MEETING – MICROSOFT TEAMS (CALL-IN ONLY)
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Smith (Chair); John Kelleher (Vice-Chair); Erling Heistad (City Council); Alan Schnur; Marie McCormick; Alex Belenz (Alt);

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Zook (Planning Board); Clifton Below (Alt); Sarah Cryst Akhtar

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Owens (Associate Planner)

1 **1) CALL TO ORDER:**

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3 Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A Roll Call of Board Members who
4 participated remotely is listed above. Alex Belenz was appointed to serve as a regular
5 member.

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7 **Review of meeting procedures and NH RSA 91-A “Right-to-Know” requirements.** Chair
8 Smith reviewed the executive order requiring public audio and video access and options for
9 participation.

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11 **2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 5, 2020**

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13 ***Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the minutes as amended.***
14 ***Seconded by Mr. Kelleher.***

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16 Amendments:
17 P3 line 30, replace “plans” with “projects”

18 ***Roll Call Vote:***

19 ***Members voting in favor included Mr. Smith, Mr. Heisted, Mr. Kelleher, Ms. McCormick,***
20 ***Mr. Schnur, and Mr. Belenz***

21 ****The vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (6-0).***

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23 **3) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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25 **4) STUDY ITEMS:**

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27 A. Updates from Other Boards
28 • Planning Office - Planning Staff

29 Ms. Owens stated that a new Planning Board sub-committee for review of draft Development
30 Regulation amendments will start meeting in April.

31 • Safe Routes to School - Planning Staff/Police Staff
32 No Updates.

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1 • City Council – Erling Heistad
2 Mr. Heistad did not have items to report.

3 • Police Reports - Alan Schnur
4 Mr. Schnur reported that in February 2020, police data shows one crash involving ped-bike
5 user(s), and that data shows three total such incidents year-to-date, implying that there were
6 two crashes in January. No details are available. There was discussion to consider whether
7 more or fewer people may be active in walk-bike modes due to COVID-19 and if that may affect
8 accident numbers moving forward.

9 • Mascoma River Greenway Coalition - Colin Smith
10 The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, including with staff member
11 Mr. Belenz's assistance, is spearheading stakeholder outreach and development of a survey to
12 complement the state's Rail Trail surveys and planning processes. Chair Smith has observed
13 that many people using the MRG practice distancing, to the degree possible, and about half
14 seem to be wearing masks. There was member discussion that six feet of distance may not be
15 effective particularly for people in motion with high levels of exertion or those coughing.
16 Members expressed desire to see more City communications on the issue with possible review
17 of updated distancing recommendations and noted that the Recreation Department is a good
18 channel for helping to reach out to active people.

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20 • State of NH Updates – Alex Belenz
21 Mr. Belenz noted that the state's Ped-Bike Plan is wrapping up by the end of the summer and
22 the UVLSRPC anticipates the opportunity to review a draft soon. The state's lead ped-bike
23 staffperson, Larry Kenniston, is retiring and the City will need to find a new primary contact, if
24 the state opens up hiring. The UVLSRPC continues to make progress with regional corridor
25 surveys and plan drafts.

26 • Rails to Trails-VACANT
27 No update.

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29 • Planning Board/CIP Meeting - Karen Zook
30 No Report.

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32 **5) OTHER BUSINESS:**

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34 A. Chair Smith presented the Quarterly Report to City Council and did not receive any
35 questions.

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37 **6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & FOLLOW-UP NEEDS:**

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39 • Re-share communications plan and collaboration partners list (Ms. Owens)
40 • Move communications plan to Study Items as standing topic for agendas (Ms. Owens)
41 • Create guidance for, and create a Ped-Bike working group to, review of Bike Friendly
42 Community criteria for renewal of Lebanon's designation, due Spring 2021. Topic to be
43 added as standing Study Item for agendas (Ms. Owens and Mr. Kelleher)
44 • Draft Valley News letter on pedestrian safety and considerations, including as relates to
45 COVID-19 prevention (Mr. Schnur and Ms. McCormick)
46 • Draft LebNews on May is (Still) Bike Month, including to recognize local bike shops and
47 their role as essential service in transportation sector (Ms. Owens)
48 • Outreach to sponsors for Bike Rodeo-to-Go Play Pack items for June 2 distribution with
49 SAU88 and the Recreation and Parks Department (Ms. Owens)

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2 **7) ADJOURMENT:**

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4 ***A Motion by Erling Heisted to adjourn the meeting.***

5 ***Seconded by Marie McCormick.***

6 ***Roll Call Vote:***

7 ***Members voting in favor included Mr. Smith, Mr. Heisted, Mr. Kelleher, Ms. McCormick,***
8 ***Mr. Schnur, and Mr. Belenz***

9 ****The vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (6-0).***

10 The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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12 Prepared By,
13 Rebecca Owens
14 Planning Staff