

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Advisory Committee Update April 2017

Delivered by Colin Smith, Chair, at the committee update session, April 5, 2016.

The committee had been focused on the following topics during the first quarter of 2017:

1. Bicycle Friendly Community – application, starting plan for a demonstration of complete street, pedestrian and bicyclist route map
2. Responding to resident questions – concerns about crosswalks, and parking/sidewalks
3. Bike sharing scheme in Hanover (Dartmouth College)

Notes for each topic:

1. Bicycle Friendly Community.
 - a. Last year Lebanon received an honorable mention
 - b. Applied again this round in February.
 - c. Response to application recommended some activities:
 - i. Policy implementation – complete streets policy, which the city has now adopted. Ped Bike committee is starting to work the planning office on design guidelines to support the implementation of that policy. Based on our meeting last night that is probably going to be a simplified version of the approach ex Planning Director Andrew Gast Bray recommended. We are looking at Keene as a model.
 - ii. Working on outreach and encouragement, two activities:
 1. Development a bike map of the city. PBAC is working on that with the planning office.
 2. Demonstration of a complete street – event to physically mock up a complete street for a day.
 - d. Currently waiting to hear on the evaluation of the February submission
2. Resident issues
 - a. Sidewalk adjacent to the old Sacred Heart school
 - b. Parking across the sidewalk at Welch's Gun Shop on Bank Street
 - c. Providing advice to the planning office on both of those issue as they work with property owners
3. One meeting in the first quarter included a presentation from Dartmouth College staff about their campus wide bike sharing project which does include Lebanon with a bike sharing location in Sachem Village.
 - a. Bike sharing scheme is operated by Zagster under contract to the college
 - b. Inexpensive -- \$20 annual membership, first hour bike rental free
 - c. College looking at expanding to additional locations in Hanover, possibly DHMC.