



Town of Hudson
AD-HOC BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
COMMITTEE

78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749

Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022

Pursuant to the Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, this meeting of the Hudson Ad-hoc Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee was conducted via remote participation.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Tom Green.

The following voting members were in attendance: Richard Braga, Frank Noyes, Kelly Shultz and Tom Green. Tom McCoy joined the meeting at 4:25.

The following ex-officio members were in attendance: Pam Helinek, Steven Santos, and Kali Coughlan.

Community member Brian Smith was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Braga made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shultz. The motion was approved 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion of Outline of Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan:

Ms. Shultz asked how the town currently determines what streets and sidewalks have priority for repair.

Ms. Helinek suggested that we begin by outlining sections to be included in the document. We should determine how are we going to group topics. What is goal of the document.

Ms. Coughlan suggested that the Medford and Salem Bike Plans have a good outline for what to include in a plan. We should see if we can construct a base outline for our Master Plan using those and other examples.

Mr. Green indicated that there were not many pedestrian plans that he had found to date. Walk Boston and the State both have high-level pedestrian plans; and the state also has a state-wide bicycle plan. We should review these for input to our document as well.

There was a discussion about the degree to which a Bike/Ped Master Plan overlaps with the Town's Complete Streets Policy. Should we recommend updating the Complete Streets policy and priority list?

Mr. Green suggested that the Master Plan should specify that it be reviewed on a frequent basis to adjust for work that has been completed and to adjust priorities based on changing conditions.

Creating task committees:

Discussion about reviewing plans from other communities.

Discussion about reviewing previously-completed surveys of town roads and streets. Mr. Braga asked if we are going to focus on all streets in town or just downtown and highly-trafficked streets. Seems like it is more the latter, but we should be looking at alternate routes in some cases to avoid highly-trafficked streets.

Discussion about surveys done by other communities.

What maps are available for town streets and sidewalks?

New Business:

Discussion about safety and courtesy issues on the rail trail. What can we do about education? Some communities have done bike safety training at schools, bike rodeos, etc.

We should contact the Police Department to get their input. Are the bicycle officers which they have trained to do bike safety instruction?

Adjournment:

Mr. Noyes made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Green. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 4:00 PM