



**Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian  
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes - APPROVED  
November 9, 2021

1 Meeting attendees: Chris Buchanan – Chair, Rick Katzenberg – Vice Chair, Wendy  
2 Rannenberg, Chris Shenk [7:08], Judy Shenk, Patrick Daniel, and Tom Christensen (remote)  
3 Staff present: Kristan Patenaude – Recording Secretary (remote)  
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5 Chris Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. He noted that there was participation  
6 from Committee members both in-person at Town Hall and remotely via Zoom.  
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8 **1. Report from DPW – Eric Slosek**

9 Deputy DPW Director, Eric Slosek, noted that he was unable to give the Board of Selectmen a  
10 report on roadwork last night, and would like to make that report before sharing items with the  
11 Committee.  
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13 Eric Slosek noted that the topcoat will not be completed for Amherst Street until next year, so  
14 all markings on the road will be considered temporary until then. He stated that the side path  
15 has approximately 1.75 miles created to date. Concrete tip-downs were installed today.  
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17 In response to a question from Rick Katzenberg, Eric Slosek explained that Amherst Street  
18 now has 11.5' lanes, which are smaller than they were, but perfectly adequate for travel and  
19 similar to other roads in Town.  
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21 In response to a question from Tom Christensen regarding adding paint to alert users to  
22 ongoing driveways, Eric Slosek stated that the side path is similar to a sidewalk, which  
23 generally does not have painted markings delineating driveways.  
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25 Eric Slosek noted that he is encouraged to see a lot of people using the side path. He stated  
26 that there is an offer from NRPC to install pedestrian counters. These can be installed shortly.  
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28 **2. Amherst St Sidepath opening event & dedication update**

29 Wendy Rannenberg stated that there is a possibility of getting a 6' long recycled materials  
30 bench installed for approximately \$1,500. This could be a memorial bench for Carolyn  
31 Mitchell, potentially with plantings around it.  
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33 The group discussed a dedication date for the side path of November 20, 2021, in the  
34 morning.  
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Town Administrator Shankle stated that donations made in Carolyn Mitchell's memory should be made to the Town or to the Committee, and it should be made clear what the donation is to be used for.

There was discussion about eventually including an art display somewhere along the trail and/or a plaque describing the history of Amherst Street.

*Rick Katzenberg exited the meeting at 7:49pm.*

### **3. 2021 ARPA EDA & Outdoor Recreation Grant Update**

Chris Buchanan explained that the Milford Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to participate in the interjurisdictional ARPA grant, to extend the side path toward the Milford Oval. Chris Buchanan noted that he is working with Sam Fortier, a local civil engineer, regarding pricing information for this project.

### **4. Update re: 10/27 ACC meeting and approaching private landowners to expand trails**

Chris Buchanan explained that the Committee received its first trail easement acceptance on private land, which the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted in favor of last night. The Committee will continue to work with the Amherst Land Trust and private landowners to secure other trail easements in Town.

### **5. Upcoming Bedford Conservation Commission meeting**

Chris Buchanan explained that he is on the agenda to speak at the next Bedford Conservation Commission meeting on November 30, 2021. He will be inviting the Commission to participate in the same ARPA project.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kristan Patenaude*

*Minutes approved: December 14, 2021*