



**Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 2019

Budget

We were originally looking to fund 3 projects: the Amherst Street Sidepath, the SHS/AMS/Homestead Road Sidepath, and the Village Special Roadway District.

At the last BOS meeting, the selectmen seemed to show support for our projects but disagreed about what would be the best way to proceed with funding. They were generally positive and supportive.

Bottom line: we got a sense with the board of selectmen that we should perhaps move forward with one hallmark project

We are still looking to pursue the SHS/AMS/Homestead Rd and Village Special Roadway District projects, but it might be better to try to fund those starting in 2021

Should we consider having a \$1 dollar warrant article to create the capital reserve fund?

Dean: perhaps the committee shouldn't create a capital reserve projects until there is a clear project completed

Highway Safety Committee

In order to advance multimodality without spending money, we should also work with DPW and the Highway Safety Committee to consider some modifications to upcoming road construction.

There is a list of streets that require lines and we should go to the selectmen and the traffic safety committee in order to discuss the striping.

We should arrange to meet with the traffic safety committee

SHS/AMS/Homestead Road Sidepath

Rick Katzenberg: Disappointed that this project isn't on the ballot for this year. Hopefully if we have success with Amherst Street, this will be easy for us to fund next year.

George: we don't have good hard numbers to put into the warrant article right now for SHS/AMS/Homestead Road. We can use the engineering information from the Amherst Street sidepath to inform what cost per linear foot will be

Carolyn: we need to get the SHS/AMS/Homestead Project in the minds of the voters

George: by having Amherst Street be the hallmark project will help us further

Communications

Simon Sarris volunteered to coordinate communications subcommittee.

30 Other volunteers: Judy Shenk, Chris Shenk, Wendy Rannenberg, Chris Buchanan, Rick
 31 Katzenberg. Two members of the public would also like to help out: Tom Christensen
 32 tchristensenlti@aol.com and Kristan Patenaude kristan.patenaude@gmail.com

33 We need to develop a short presentation for the deliberative session.

34 We will be hosting Milford at NRPC to discuss gap in sidepath project

35 Simon: we need to change the name of the “Amherst Street Sidepath Project” to the “Village-to-
 36 Oval Sidepath Project” most people think “Amherst Street is 101a. The committee agreed

37 **Trails**

38 Chris Buchanan went to the Conservation Committee to discuss the role of our committees. The
 39 Conservation Commission would like for our committee to take the lead in coordinating trail
 40 projects with their consultation.

41 Jared: If we want to stay in the spirit of having that we have some showcase examples, we have
 42 an example of what that is. Caesar’s brook – we can connect really far, we can connect several
 43 places

44 George: there needs to be a high-visibility off-road project just like there is a high-visibility on-
 45 road project.

46 Volunteers for trails subcommittee: John Harvey, Jared Hardner, Patrick Daniel, Chris Buchanan,
 47 Wes Robertson

48 John Harvey described in detail the in-progress Purtell project

49 **Good of the Order**

50 Dean: going to the highway safety committee, we should go to the highway safety committee as
 51 soon as possible. Perhaps in December.

52 Andrew Aeills, a member of the community joined us for our meeting and is interested in
 53 helping out aeills@sheehan.com

54 George: there are three major residential developments proposed in town. Each one of those
 55 are proposed that the developers provide some sort of benefit to the community. Each of these
 56 projects have the opportunity to offer some sort of multimodal improvements to the
 57 community. Even if something minor were added to the development it could be an
 58 improvement.

59 Chris Shenk: how would we go about that?

60 George: we should let the chair of the planning board that we can offer insight to the planning
 61 board to provide some insight.

62 We were joined by Tom Christensen, another member of the community: “I’m not sure the
 63 public understands the complexity of what you folks are doing. As I became of what you are
 64 doing, I understand that there is a process to a lot of this.”

65 Carolyn: if we're going to the board of selectmen, Chris Buchanan should send out an email to
66 inform the committee so that they may be present

67 George Bower: Buchanan, Katzenberg, Buchanan should meet with Eric Hahn before selectman
68 meeting on 11/25

69 Asphalt colorant company would like to talk with DPW and whichever paving company will do
70 the sidepath project