



## **Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Agenda

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6:00 pm

### **I. Meeting Venue**

Please be advised that the Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be meeting online via ZOOM. In order to participate in the public ZOOM meeting, please click the following link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008008244?pwd=a1F3RGZ4N0k1VmpxbndxcWxVL2d6UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 0800 8244

Passcode: 03031

OR

Dial in by phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

### **II. Proposed 2021 Warrant Article**

The proposed 2021 warrant article to establish the “Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund” and place in it \$75,000 for the Boston Post Road School Campus Sidepath was presented to the Board of Selectmen on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- Presented to Ways & Means on November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Ways & Means and BOS to vote on supporting/not-supporting warrant articles soon
- BPAC needs to start planning how to communicate the concepts of the warrant article to the public

### **III. Communications Workshops**

Two reserved and posted public workshops have been scheduled so that members of the committee can work on the communications plan for the warrant article. A non-quorum of communications subcommittee members can also meet at other times.

- Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm

In order to help with how communications should occur within the frameworks of state law, Town Administrator Dean Shankle provided some guidance from the New Hampshire Municipal Association

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/town-city-article/ensuring-%E2%80%9Cclean-vote%E2%80%9D-your-municipality>

### **IV. Public Trails on Private Land**

- B&M Rail Trail connection to Josiah Parker Trail (ACC) is completed
- Updated needs from Amherst Land Trust prior to launching cooperative efforts

### **V. Souhegan Valley Rail Trail**

- CSX has announced an intention to purchase Pan Am Railway’s real estate holdings, including the Hillsborough Branch
- US Surface Transportation Board has regulatory authority over transaction

- Committee should consider submitting communication to Surface Transportation Board to ask that a rail trail be included in the Hillsborough Branch's right of way

## **VI. Project Status**

### **A. Amherst Street Sidepath**

Construction in progress, recent updates from DPW regarding NH 122 0.7 mile extension to Birch Park

### **B. Boston Post Road School Campus Sidepath**

Warrant article proposed.

### **C. Eversource Trail**

Response from Eversource received.

### **D. Old Manchester Road**

On October 27th, 2020 the Highway Safety Committee voted unanimously to support our committee's proposal to add an advisory shoulder configuration for Old Manchester Road. This configuration will be considered by the Board of Selectmen on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **E. Amherst Village Multimodality Project**

Consideration of alternative pavement surfaces for psychological and physical traffic calming

## **VII. Other Updates**

- Consideration of shifting meeting times to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7pm – request from potential volunteer
- “No Bicycles” sign on Meadowview Cemetery

## **VIII. Approval of Minutes**

- November Minutes