



Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda
February 9th, 2021 – 7:00 pm

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:

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Meeting ID: 886 2806 4434

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I. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Updates on the TAP Grant status, letter of interest submittal, and next steps

II. 2021 Warrant Article

Discussion about warrant article communications in advance of the now delayed deliberative session and town election

III. Private Fundraising

There are two existing opportunities for the committee to investigate private fundraising as a means to offset or replace municipal taxation to fund multimodal infrastructure in town. Could a private fundraising campaign be organized to help with these established needs?

The Bean Foundation offers grants for projects such as these and the next deadline for a grant is April 1. A grant application could seek to raise a portion of a particular project, or perhaps to be used as a match to solicit other donations from private individuals.

A. Bridge over Souhegan River

If the funding of the Boston Post Road School Campus project is successful, this phase of the northern end of the project is expected to terminate at the Scott Conservation Land, south of the Souhegan River. Multimodal facilities across the existing bridge are lacking and modifying the existing bridge to accommodate multimodal users is not possible. Estimates from bridge manufacturers estimate that a multimodal crossing of the Souhegan River can be built for approximately \$325,000.

B. Municipal Portion of NHDOT Ten Year Plan Project

NHDOT project 42593 to rehabilitate a portion of the abandoned B&M rail bed, the requires \$170,513 to be raised by the Town of Amherst by 2026 to access \$852,566 of state funding. The sooner this money is raised, the chances of moving the project earlier in the schedule increase.

IV. Other Initiatives

C. Souhegan Valley Rail Trail

Not updates

D. Amherst Street Sidepath

No updates

E. Eversource Trail

No updates

F. Old Manchester Road

No updates

G. "Public Trails on Private Land" effort

No updates

V. Other Updates

- "No Bicycles" sign on Meadowview Cemetery

VI. Approval of Minutes

- January Minutes