



Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda
March 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:

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

Meeting ID: 886 2806 4434

Passcode: 03031

OR

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I. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Updates on the TAP application status and next steps. Committee should consider voting on the project and consider writing a letter of support, as these can be included to bolster the application.

II. 2021 Warrant Article

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

III. Strategic Planning

In the fall of 2020, the Board of Selectmen suggested that BPAC be incorporated into the Town's strategic planning process. Natasha Kypfer will speak to the committee about strategic planning.

IV. Other Initiatives

A. Souhegan Valley Rail Trail

CSX officially filed to purchase Pan Am on February 26, 2021. Public input period lasts 60 days until April 26, 2021 to suggest prospect of rail trail inclusion within railroad right of way.

B. Amherst Street Sidepath

Construction scheduled for as soon as next month

C. Eversource Trail

No updates

D. Old Manchester Road

No updates

E. "Public Trails on Private Land" effort

Submission of "Amherst Rail Trail Section 5" to the Amherst Land Trust for ALT March meeting. Wendy Rannenbergs & Patrick Daniel liaisons between BPAC & ALT. Next ALT meeting either March 21st or 23rd

F. Bridge over Souhegan River (Private Fundraising or CMAQ Opportunity)

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.

G. Municipal Portion of NHDOT Ten Year Plan Project (Private Fundraising Opportunity)

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.

V. Other Updates

VI. Approval of Minutes

- February Minutes