



Amherst Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Agenda

October 13th, 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. Project Status

A. Amherst Street Sidepath

Work has begun on the project. Mark Bender (former Milford town administrator and Amherst resident) has volunteered to help coordinate efforts between Amherst and Milford to advance consistency in design as well as potential cost-savings opportunities.

B. Boston Post Road Sidepath (Proposal)

Potential opportunity for grant funding within the next year for this project. Previous discussions to consider raising money for matching grant funds should be considered as soon as possible.

Open items:

- Discuss with ACC potential for water crossing
- Can ~\$6000 be found for surveying costs?
- Currently scheduling meeting with DPW to further identify what needs there are to advance the project at this stage

C. Eversource Transmission Lines & Public Access to Buck Meadow, Parkhurst Place, SHS, AMS, Bean Fields, Horse Hill Nature Preserve (Merrimack)

D. Town requests for NH DOT

No updates at this time for these projects:

- NH 122 restriping
- Birch Park Trail
- Midblock Crossing (NH 122) – only proposed, would require highway safety committee approval and BOS approval

E. Old Manchester Road

Report in progress. Subsequent steps include: highway safety committee discussion and approval, letter to residents, board of selectmen approval.

III. Proposed Warrant Articles

The committee should consider two previously proposed warrant articles for the March 2021 ballot

- Establishment of a capital reserve fund that can, among other things, be used to pursue grant funding for Boston Post Road Sidepath project
- Conversion of Pig Farm Road from class VI road to class II trail

IV. Public Trails on Private Land

Some additional details in progress with Amherst Land Trust. Following projects were identified to launch work with Amherst Land Trust:

- B&M Phase II (Walnut Hill Rd to Baboosic Lake Rd)
- B&M Phase III (Amherst Street to Mulberry Lane)
- B&M Phase IV (Mulberry Lane to Merrimack Road)
- Jasper Valley Trail
- Eversource Trail

V. Souhegan Valley Rail Trail

Organization has been formed to advance the idea of building a 16-mile rail trail from Nashua to Wilton, still accepting volunteers <https://souheganvalleyrailtrail.org/join>

This group is currently recruiting any who are interested in joining and helping, especially seeking anybody with experience in rail trails, railroads, grant writing, accounting, law, fundraising, and/or other fields that could be useful for the pursuit of this project. Consider joining and/or helping recruit!

VI. Grant and other Funding Opportunities

- Proposed warrant article to create capital improvements fund to begin raising amounts for matching grant portions

VII. Communications Update

Wendy, Simon, Patrick - Facebook, Amherst Citizen

VIII. Other Updates

IX. Approval of Minutes