



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Town of New London
Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2025
Whipple Memorial Town Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Moore (Chair), Emily Campbell (Vice-Chair), Ed Conduct, Donald Eberly, Judith Ferreira, Grant Smith, Erica Brown

EXCUSED: Bebe Hammond Casey (Selectman), Woody Canaday (Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Bowers, New London resident

Chair Russ Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

IT WAS MOVED by Russ Moore to accept the Minutes from Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting 12/12/2024. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Future Meeting Dates:

After discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Russ Moore that the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting would be on 4/17/2025 and subsequent Scheduled Meetings would occur every other month, with acknowledgment that if advantageous smaller “issue focused” discussions may occur in the interim (in compliance with Right to Know Law RSA 91-A). THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Update:

The Chair reflected on potential next steps and opportunities following the Streetscape Planning Presentation as presented by Alex Belenz, SE Group (12/12/2024).

Potential exists for Temporary Installations (Bollards) to facilitate Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming. Russ Moore outlined limitations and restrictions associated with the Main Street Corridor and the importance of continued coordination with Adam Ricker (NL Town Planner) and Sam Clarke (NL DPW) to explore permissible opportunities with NH DOT. Don Eberly, reiterated the importance of continued advocacy and coordination with the NH DOT.

Discussion ensued regarding possible alternative locations for temporary scaled demonstration installations. Areas surrounding the Elkins Beach, Boat Launch, Post Office were discussed. Russ agreed to contact Adam Ricker and Sam Clarke in regard 3/5/2025

to the potential Elkins location. Russ volunteered to reach out to other area communities for information in regard to their experiences with temporary bollards and traffic calming installations.

Main Street Sidewalk Project remains “on schedule” subject to limitations imposed by NH DOT and Water Precinct Projects. Indication that the initial area of focus may be an “upgrade” of the sidewalk between the Cleveland Homestead (711 Main St) and the

Colby Sawyer College driveway nearest the First Baptist Church (461 Main St). Bike Walk Master Plan Study may not be immediately feasible. Discussion ensued regarding interim activities to increase community awareness and strengthen stakeholder relationships.

Multiuse Off-Road Trail:

Opportunities for a Multiuse Off-Road Trail Network were discussed. Grant Smith summarized the successful initial exploratory community gathering that took place in the meeting room at Tracy Memorial Library on 2/11/2025. Committee discussion ensued. Potential benefits of exploring installation of a multi-use “pump track” were discussed. Of note is community enthusiasm and support for such an initiative. Also discussed, the potential for multi-use, multi-generational, four seasons, networked recreational surfaces.

Next steps were discussed, including establishment of “working groups” to explore potential locations, financial feasibility, and cooperative alliances.

Public Comment:

Bob Bowers conveyed his appreciation for the efforts the Committee and NL DPW have made in advancing sidewalk stewardship. He encouraged exploring a variety of surface materials, and summarized the perceived advantages and disadvantages of several materials. Bob suggested the possibility of different materials for different locations and conveyed a personal preference of concrete in the downtown.

Adjournment:

IT WAS MOVED by Emily Campbell and SECONDED by Russ Moore to adjourn the Meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Condict

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM in Whipple Memorial Town Hall