

# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2025

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Moore, Chair, Emily Campbell, Vice-Chair, Ed Condict, Donald Eberly, Judith Ferreira, Woody Canaday, Grant Smith, Erica Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Ashley Seybold, New London Town Administrator, Bebe Hammond Casey, Selectman, Putnam Kidder, Director of New London Recreation, Bob Bowers & Michael Doheney, New London residents

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Russ Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and thanked attendees, including guests Bebe Casey and Ashley Seybold, for their participation.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve September meeting minutes moved by Don Eberly, seconded by Emily Campbell, and carried. Appreciation was extended to Putnam for setting up the AV equipment.

### 3. Updates and Discussion Items

#### A. Collaboration with New London Recreation Department

Successful 'Walk & Bike to School' event on October 15 with nearly 100 elementary

participants, supported by NLFD, NLPD, and KRES. Recognition given to Grant, Judy, and Emily. The event included a remembrance of Chad Denning; photos will be shared with his widow Becky. Plans to repeat the initiative in spring. Halloween on Main Street (Oct. 26, 4–6 PM) candy drive upcoming. Russ noted potential collaboration with Safe Routes to School and Bike Walk Alliance of NH for grants and demos.

#### B. Sidewalk Capital Improvement Plan

The Planning Board approved a multi-year Capital Improvement Budget for sidewalk projects submitted by the Department of Public Works. Emily Campbell shared projections: FY2027 – \$200k, FY2028 – \$122k, FY2029 – \$156k, FY2030 – \$161k, FY2031 – \$145k. New construction between Colby-Sawyer College and Cleveland includes preservation of historic sidewalk stones. Sam Clark anticipates completing more work than scheduled; paving expected by end of month. Next phases: Pressey Court/Sawyer Lane and Spring Ledge to Homan’s Corner. The committee commended Sam for excellent progress.

#### C. Walkable New London Initiative

Discussion on a draft plan to promote walking and recreation in downtown New London through designated routes and signage (no major infrastructure changes). Three route concepts: Community Walk, Trailhead Connector Walk, and Historical Walk—all originating from the Pocket Park (325 Main St.). Working group (Don, Woody, and Ed) to refine concepts. Routes will be accessible via QR codes and town website. Plans include badges, prizes, and family activities.

#### D. Collaboration with Bonin Architects

Russ and Don met with Kevin and Steve of Bonin Architects & Associates, who expressed interest in supporting the Pocket Park design pro bono. Potential MOU under consideration. Bonin Architects to produce schematic design for community review by early 2026. The committee discussed engagement ideas including partnering with local organizations (COA,

CSC, Woodcrest, etc.) and meeting with nearby stakeholders before broader public launch.

#### E. Organizational Next Steps

The project remains informal but structured around three stages: (1) Gather input from experts, (2) Review and make key decisions, (3) Build public support. Russ will circulate revised project timeline and attach capital budget to next minutes.

#### F. Grant Smith – Trail Development Update

Presented plan to NEMBA Executive Committee; strong support for establishing a Kearsarge Area Chapter. Chapter brings insurance coverage, funding access, and nonprofit status. Membership model splits fees 50/50 with NEMBA. Upcoming Board vote expected - Grant will report back.. Collaboration with Conservation Commission on Lyon Brook Trail for multi-use access. Public meeting October 28 at 6 PM at Tracy Library. Upon approval, fundraising and trail improvements will begin, with many materials and labor donated.

#### 4. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Motion to adjourn moved by Emily Campbell, seconded by Don Eberly. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.