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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

5:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bebe Hammond Casey, Selectman, Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator, Bob Bowers, New London resident

The meeting started with introductions by members.

Selectman Casey noted that the Selectmen formed the committee to have a group to study mobility issues including biking, walking, hiking. Committee members reviewed the purpose, membership and meetings as outlined by the Selectmen. She noted that the water main project will be starting soon and will go into the Fall. The Selectmen have delayed fixing the sidewalks on Main Street until the water main project is completed so it is expected to be Spring 2025 when the sidewalks can be repaired.

Kim Hallquist reviewed the Right to Know Law (RSA 91-A) that requires the work of the committee to be done in public after publicly posting the day and time of the meeting. She explained that emails to members discussing issues related to committee work would be inappropriate. Ms. Hallquist stressed that the Right to Know Law is designed to ensure that the public is informed about what the committee is doing. The committee will have a page on the town website where minutes and agendas will be posted as well as information the committee would like to share with the public. Committee members who have questions should feel free to contact the office.

Selectman Casey suggested that the members elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee.

Woody Canaday nominated Russ Moore as Chair. THE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Russ Moore nominated Emily Campbell as Vice-Chair. THE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Russ Moore noted that he has spoken with Public Works Director about potential sidewalk projects, not including Main Street. Chair Moore would like to have a more in-depth discussion on that topic at a future meeting. The New London Bike Walk Coalition has been discussing a bike-walk loop that would be contiguous to downtown. That group has presented to the Planning Board, Citizens Committee and Recreation Commission and those groups voted to approve the concept of such a loop, however the specific location has not been determined yet. There will be more on this topic at future meetings.

Chair Moore pointed to the Waste Reduction Committee as a straightforward and efficient committee that has been successful in their mission to reduce waste. He suggested that this committee could look at

some of their methods that may be useful for this committee. Chair Moore noted that it is his hope that the committee can develop 1–3-year timeframes for various demonstration projects that will garner public attention and support.

Members had general discussion of various topics including the value of grant funding, incorporating directives included in the Master Plan, the concept of ‘complete streets’, approaches that might include removing bikes from Main Street because the street is narrow and instead direct bikes off Main Street as a way to increase safety and keep costs down, street riding vs. trail riding by bikers, creating a safe way to get to the Outing Club fields, an inventory of existing sidewalks and the condition of them, creating safer options at intersections for motorists as well as pedestrians and bikers, looking at the power line that transects the town as a potential resource, investigating traffic slowing mechanisms like signage and temporary speed bumps, potential use of capital reserve funds for new sidewalks.

Chair Moore suggested that the committee meet every other month using the same day and time, noting that the committee could change as needed. Chair Moore stressed that it was his hope that members would give input on agenda items as the committee work will be a collaborative effort. Selectman Casey noted that starting in September, the Selectmen will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Chair Moore noted that he would send a meeting invitation out to all members. Meetings will be held in Whipple, however if it is not available, another venue will be reserved.

IT WAS MOVED (Emily Campbell) AND SECONDED (Ed Condict) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist
Town Administrator
Town of New London

Note: RSA 91-A:2, II provides that “*Minutes of all such meetings, including nonpublic sessions, shall include the names of members, persons appearing before the public bodies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions.*” A video of the entire meeting may be available for

viewing on the town website, NewLondon.NH.gov, if more than the brief description contained in these meeting minutes is desired.