

## Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** August 17, 2022

**Location:** Virtual

**In Attendance:** Dana Vermily, Co-Chair, Sue Centner, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

**Not in Attendance:** Amy Coleman and David Saunders

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

- 1) Minutes of July 20, 2022, approved by vote
- 2) Review of key projects.
  - a. DPW
    - i. Infrastructure plans for 2022 – coordinate with Complete Streets initiatives – nothing to report – Dana
    - ii. Work about to begin on School Street water main relining – opportunity for CS work? Dana and DPW exploring bike lanes and sidewalks
    - iii. Shared Streets - Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor and Pleasant Street – \$50K grant paperwork has been returned to State, with funding now expected in November. Dana and Terry
  - b. State DOT/Government - Rt.127 - sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits - and EV charging at MBTA.
    - i. Freddy reviewed progress made with Rep. Belsito for next fiscal year (October).
    - ii. Will connect with Rep. Ferrante.
  - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
    - i. Upper School Street to Lincoln to Summer bike lane, entry signage, and potential redesign of School Street – ongoing discussion. Dana
    - ii. Discussed Library response to and promotion of Book Club on active transportation issues for Thursdays in July. No update. David
      1. Possible continuation of the program into the autumn
      2. Discuss how to grow this discussion
  - d. Education and Advocacy
    - i. Safe Routes to School
      1. Routes to School – Marking Safe Routes to School in town through geocaching and signage, kit from SRTS (Judy). No update. David
      2. Continue in-school programs, crossing guards, and newsletter. Validate that safety instruction is included in curriculum. Sue to contact Principal.
      3. Promote kids riding to school safely – group from Rockwood Heights/Pleasant Street – Cricket article, social media, etc. Dana, David, Terry
      4. Connect with PTO for bike and walk promotions in autumn. Terry
    - ii. Promote Bike Safety
      1. Cricket articles, social media, page and community survey on town website – connecting with town communications director. Sue/David
      2. Kids PMC and Library Touch a Truck event have both been moved to September 17, working to coordinate the two. Terry
    - iii. Bike Rack Placement and order. Terry/Dana
      1. Bike racks have arrived.

2. Followed up with Town Administrator, Parks and Rec, MECT on locations, 10 of 12 are set and await DPW installation.
  3. Must review sites with the Conservation Commission
- 3) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, MiM, 375<sup>th</sup> Committee, Planning Board, MassBike and MBTA
  - i. DIP – no update available. Terry
  - ii. OSRC – no update. David
  - iii. Planning Board – no update. David
  - iv. MassBikes – nothing new to report. Terry
  - v. MECT – coordinating with Chair for bike rack placement. - Terry
  - vi. MBTA – EV charging at train station – Rep. Belsito has requested funding for 4. Terry
- 4) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – nothing new to report. Terry
- 5) Set next meeting – 9/14/22 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike and Pedestrian Committee  
Approved by Vote of Committee 9/14/22