

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting: Dunaway Center Auditorium/Zoom

Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Charley LaFlamme at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Charley LaFlamme, Ramsey Lafayette, Paul Jean, John Cavaretta, Bruce Byorkman

Others present: Lt. Neil Pawlik

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion by Bruce, seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0 (John had not joined the call at the time of the vote).

Unfinished Business

1. Obeds Lane Concern
 - Pedestrian safety concern on busy cut-through street with no sidewalk.
 - Agamenticus Road has new sidewalk but once pedestrians cross Main Street onto Obeds Lane they must walk on the street. The road narrows and has limited line-of-sight visibility with a curve and hill at Main Street making for a dangerous situation.
 - Bruce to schedule a site visit with the Chief Lizanecz, Tom Torno and advise committee members on date and time.
2. MDOT Village Partnership Initiative (VPI)
 - Use of ARPA funds for initiative were approved by the Select Board last June.
 - Need to check with Town Manager on current status and what role the committee can play.
3. New RRFB on Main Street at Panache -- Tracking
 - Our contact at Maine DOT is no longer in that role.
 - Bruce to check if the Bicycle Coalition of Maine has new contact.
4. Berwick Road Pedestrian Usage -- Tracking
 - The committee and Tom Torno had decided that a paved 4 foot shoulder instead of a sidewalk would be better as it would allow for both pedestrians and bicycle users.

- Paul to follow-up with Tom Torno on status.
5. LED Lighting - Tracking
- Need to check on status with Tom Torno.

New Business

1. Code of Ethics.
 - MOTION to approve the Code of Ethics as provided by the Town Clerk. Motion by Bruce seconded by John. Passed unanimously 4-0-0 (Ramsey had left the meeting).

2. Speed of Wheeled Vehicles in Bike Lanes and Sidewalks
 - eBikes, electric Scooters, Onewheels, electric skate boards, hoverboards
 - Often used by summer employees being housed several miles away.
 - Should reinstitute and participate in summer employee orientation put on by the chamber to discuss use of the road safety. Lt. Pawlik volunteered to assist.
 - Should not be going more than 20 mph in the bike lane.
 - Lt. Pawlik said to call the police department if we see users riding dangerously or erratic.
 - Lt. Pawlik said that these are mostly used in the summer season when there are more officers on the street who can intervene if someone is riding erratically or has a crash; and that the person riding it is personally responsible if there is damage.
 - Chapter 25 of Town Ordinances deal with this subject. The committee should review and see if anything should be changed or added. Here is a link to the Town Ordinance: <https://ecode360.com/33508741>
 - The committee discussed that these types of vehicles can give people back their freedom as they age and help to reduce traffic and carbon emissions.
 - Paul spoke of the need for additional bike racks and asked that we discussed the installation of a metered charging station for vehicles at the next meeting.

Other Business

1. Meeting with Town Manager
 - October 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

2. Next meeting date: October 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- No members of the public were in attendance on the Zoom call.

Adjournment

- MOTION To adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Motion by John, seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0 (Ramsey had left the meeting).

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Byorkman
Secretary

