

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting: Dunaway Center Auditorium and Zoom Video

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, Priscilla Botsford, Bruce Byorkman

Others present: Chief John Lizanecz, Jeanette Wall, John Marzinik

Welcome and meet Police Chief John Lizanecz

The committee welcomed Chief Lizanecz and looks forward to his participation on the committee. Charley offered congratulations to Chief Lizanecz on his acceptance into the FBI National Academy. The Academy is a highly competitive, 10-week executive leadership training program beginning in January. Congratulations Chief!

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction made by Paul that we would ask Tom Torno the status of the Berwick Road shoulder work when we met with him for the Obed's Lane site visit. Motion by John, seconded by Paul. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Priscilla abstained as she had not attended the September meeting).

Recognition of Jennifer Walker for service to committee

Charley recognized Jennifer Walker as her term expires and she moves her attention to another committee. Charley thanked her for all her contributions while serving on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee for the past six years.

Unfinished Business

1. Obed's 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 Obed's 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.
- Charley and Bruce met with Chief Lizanecz on October 11, 2022 at Obed's Lane to discuss options. Tom Torno was scheduled to attend but was called away and unable to attend.

- Chief Lizanecz indicated that Tom Torno is adding to his proposed FY'24 budget (budget year beginning July 1, 2023) funding to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Obed's Lane on the Town owned property. Funding would need to be approved in the June 2023 warrant before construction could begin.
- Jeanette Wall, the Obed's Lane resident who raised the concern, spoke about the safety concern particularly at the Admiral's Inn/Meadowmere end of Obed's Lane and that the concern is actually worse in the shoulder season. During the season, foot traffic is sufficient enough to slow down traffic, but during the shoulder season foot traffic is more sporadic and vehicles tend to drive faster.
- As an interim measure, Chief Lizanecz will look at the possibility of additional signage to warn vehicles that pedestrians may be in the road.
- Chief Lizanecz to contact Jim Tassé of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to see if there is an "Imagine People Here" project that could help.

2. Speed of Wheeled Vehicles in Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

- eBikes, electric Scooters, Onewheels, electric skate boards, hoverboards
- Foreign worker education is a must. Ramsey asked if "warnings" for unsafe use can be given out. Chief Lizanecz said that education and awareness is key. Can give out warnings, but would rather give out good behavior citations. Bottom line is safety.
- Need to be sure that the bike officers are modeling the right behavior. Charley spoke of the bike officer training that he used to participate in in York with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.
- Chief Lizanecz thought that the Chapter 25 "Wheeled Goods" ordinance covers the issue and that education was key.
- Charley asked Chief Lizanecz to check with other towns as he meets with other Chiefs of Police on how they are addressing this issue.

3. MDOT Village Partnership Initiative (VPI)

- Use of ARPA funds for initiative were approved by the Select Board last June.
- Discuss with Town Manager at later meeting today.

4. New RRFB on Main Street at Panache -- Tracking

- Bike Maine researched subject with Maine DOT and is still waiting for parts.

5. Berwick Road Pedestrian Usage -- Tracking

- Need to check status with the Town Manager and Tom Torno.
- Post meeting note: Per the Town Manager, funding for a sidewalk on this section of Berwick Road will be combined with the sidewalk on Obed's Lane on the June Town Warrant for FY'24.

6. LED Lighting - Tracking

- Post meeting note: Per the Town Manager, all but 60 lights have been installed. The remainder should be completed this week.

New Business
None

Other Business

1. Meeting with Town Manager (at 11:30 a.m.)
 - October 19, 2022
 - January 18, 2023 (tentative)
 - April 19, 2023
 - June 21, 2023

2. Next meeting date: November 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- No members of the public requested to make a comment.

Adjournment

- MOTION To adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion by John, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0 (Ramsey and Priscilla had left the meeting).

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Byorkman
Secretary