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**PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MEETING ROOM 1 – CITY HALL &
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM LebanonNH.gov/LIVE
7:00 PM, MARCH 5, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie McCormick; Sean Dittrich; Erling Heistad (City Council); Amy Chan (Friends of the Northern Rail Trail representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Sykes (City Council, Alt); Clifton Below (Alt); Jared Toon (Alt); Haynes Bunn; Colin Smith (Chair)

STAFF PRESENT: Catheryn Hembree (Associate Planner); Paul Coats (Director of Lebanon Parks & Rec)

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Marie McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 6, 2024

A MOTION was made by Mr. Heistad to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2024, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Dittrich.

AMENDMENTS: Page 2, Line 33: to add “The Committee held a workshop to alleviate risks for students getting off school buses in West Lebanon and discussed possible demonstration projects.”

**The vote on the MOTION was approved (3-0-0).*

3) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Ben Swanson introduced himself and noted that he is interested in joining the Committee.

4) STUDY ITEMS

A. Paul Coats from Parks & Rec talking about MRG extensions and Task Force

Paul Coats explained that the Mascoma River Greenway (MRG) is an extension of the Northern Rail Trail. The original vision was to connect Lebanon and West Lebanon. He reviewed a proposed MRG extension that will help fulfill the original vision. He asked the Committee to consider how best to form connections from this extension to Main Street. A grant received by the City will fund 80% of this project. He stated that he would like to see a Task Force formed to aid in the design and community education/involvement process. Construction will likely not occur until 2026.

C. Updates from Other Boards

- Planning & Development

Ms. Hembree stated that the most recent pedestrian/vehicle accident occurred at Mount Lebanon School. The Committee discussed how to address this intersection.

- Planning Board

Ms. Hembree gave an update on this item.

- City Council

Mr. Heistad stated that the City has a new fund for redevelopment. Some responses have been received for the requested RFP for Spencer Street. The Council also heard testimony on the cease fire topic.

- Police Reports

No updates at this time.

- Mascoma River Greenway Coalition

This item was previous addressed.

- Class VI Roads

Mr. Heistad stated that the group was trying to come up with three different signs to install for Class VI roads, but this is still being considered.

- Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Ms. Chan stated that she has resigned from this group and has no updates at this time.

- Communications Plan

Ms. McCormick explained that planning has started for Curb the Car Day. There is an interest in expanding interest and participation in the event. The group would like to work with the Hanover Walk Bike Committee on other potential future events.

B. Review Complete Streets Policy 2017-02-07 Complete Streets Policy (lebanonnh.gov)

The Committee reviewed the Vision & Purpose section of the Complete Streets Policy.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

7) ADJOURMENT:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Heistad to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dittrich.

**The vote on the MOTION was approved (3-0-0).*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude, Recording Secretary