

FINAL

**PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING ROOM 1 – CITY HALL &  
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM [LebanonNH.gov/LIVE](http://LebanonNH.gov/LIVE)  
7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Smith (Chair); Erling Heistad (City Council); Sean Dittrich (Vice Chair); Marie McCormack; Alan Schnur (Alt); Trenton Meckenstock; Tim Gilbert; Kellen Appleton (Planning Board)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ben Swanson (Alt); Jared Toon (Alt); George Sykes (City Council, Alt)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catheryn Hembree (Associate Planner)

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**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

*Alan Schnur sat as a voting member.*

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. January 6, 2026**

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Heistad to approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Dittrich.*

*\*The vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0).*

**AMENDMENTS:**

*To change all votes from totaling 5, to totaling 6.*

**3) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

None at this time.

**4) STUDY ITEMS**

**A. Continued EBike Discussion**

The Committee reviewed NH's e-bike classes. Ms. Hembree explained that there is nothing on the State forms that requires for crash data to detail if an e-bike was involved over a regular bike.

Mr. Dittrich stated that he is hesitant to actively ban the use of e-bikes on the rail trail because that would cut off the Cycling Without Age program and people who use them for commuting. However, people are getting buzzed along the rail trail by e-bikes.

Mr. Schnur stated that the Ped Bike Committee webpage states that Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on the Greenway and the rail trail. Ms. Hembree stated that it is unclear how to regulate this.

Mr. Dittrich stated that this is a good point for public education.

There was agreement to see if the Parks & Recreation Department has noticed any issues with e-bikes and to ask for their support in presenting the City Council with a speed limit ordinance for the Mascoma Greenway and potentially the rail trail, if allowable. A draft could be prepared for the April meeting. Also, to continue to compile information regarding e-bike speeding and crashes, as possible.

## **B. Ways To Go 2026**

Ms. McCormack stated that this event will be held in May. Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is Bike to School Day. There could be other group rides around the City or events considered throughout the month. Large employers may be reached out to, as in past years. Volunteers will be needed for the event.

## **5) OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Updates from Other Boards**

- Planning and Development

Chair Smith noted that construction should start shortly on the roundabout. It would be nice to see a final set of the plans.

Mr. Dittrich stated that the project on Hanover Street appears to have stalled. It was supposed to include some signage near the pedestrian bridge.

- Planning Board

It was noted that the Planning Board is redoing part of its Site Plan Review regulations and suggestions can be passed along to the Planning Board.

- City Council

Mr. Heistad stated that he will be stepping down from the City Council. Nothing else report at this time.

- Police Reports

Mr. Schnur stated that there were 0 crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in December. 2025 ended with 11 crashes, which is the second highest amount.

There was discussion regarding asked the City Manager about data sharing while ensuring confidentiality.

- Mascoma River Greenway Coalition

Nothing to report at this time.

- Class VI Roads

There was discussion regarding having the DPW install signs for Class VI roads.

- Communications Plan

Nothing to report at this time.

## **6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. Reschedule March meeting**

Ms. Hembree explained that the Committee has been asked to reschedule its March meeting. The group agreed to tentatively meet on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Department of Public Works attending the March meeting to discuss:**

- Difficult intersections

- Any City of Lebanon Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

It was noted that the DPW should attend the March meeting if possible.

***A MOTION was made by Mr. Schnur to voice appreciation for Mr. Heistad in his years of service to the Committee and City. Seconded by Mr. Gilbert.***

***\*The vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0).***

**7) ADJOURNMENT:**

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

***\*The vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0).***

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Patenaude, Recording Secretary