

## **Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes**

2022-04-28

### **I. Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.**

In Attendance:

Tanya Bashaw  
Dustin Corrigan  
Christian DaBica  
Gerry Slager  
Jim Quaglino

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### **I. Review/approval of the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes**

Dustin made the motion to approve; Gerry seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

### **II. Mission Statement**

Review of work up to that point; document will remain open for another week.  
Discussion about moving the work over to G-Drive.

### **III. VT Walk - Bike Summit (May 6, Middlebury)**

Gerry attending; will ask the group for more attendee volunteers. Short discussion on the potential curriculum, attendees, etc.

### **IV. Pine St. and North St. Traffic Calming (inclusive of Stop Sign initiative and next steps for Select Board)**

Mention that Select Board is expecting guidance on action. Short note about how the Pine/North plan will inform future projects (details come later on the call.)

Following is documentation directly from Gerry regarding details /next steps:

“Chief Nason, Ok with 25MPH and stripping. We can put up Signs in town anytime we want. To make it official we need state approval on state Road but we can still put up signs but we should not have a problem. Many towns already have a 25mph speed limit in their village. Asked if we would help with some saying for the Radar Speed Displays, we have two lines with 10 characters per line. Send to me and I will send them on to Josh.”

“Eric Cota, Public Works Department Put money in Budget after the Residents Committee made suggestions. \$5,540. Select-Board approved spending. After July 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to decide what sizes and shape stencil to use. Eric will order.”

“Jonathan Weber, Local-motion Street Programs Manager, They recommend 5 feet for bike or Ped width but towns can choose whatever they want. Lincoln use 3 feet for their bike lane on Quaker ST.” Noted that Jonathan offered to attend our next meeting.

“Our old sidewalks are 4 feet and the new sidewalks are 5 feet. Send some of the Brochures “Give Some Love” Making new ones. Maybe we can have a table on the green for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event to talk to folks and educate.”

“Jamison Coyle, L&D Safety Marking Co. we can do anything we want and they will paint it. Whatever the town decides. Solid, dashes, and whatever width we want the paths to be. We just have to mark the road with white spray paint with baseball size dots about every 20 to 30 feet where we want the 4” lines put down. About two weeks out to schedule. Pine St about 22Ft 9’ and North St varies from 26 to 32 feet.”

Considerable discussion on street/lane width, relative to proposed action (anywhere from 3-5 feet for the pedestrian/bike lanes.) Note about current width possibly only being legally a single lane with two-way traffic (we will follow up on this.)

Dustin mentions the need to go back and re-measure the varying widths. Will connect with Gerry on this.

Included on the call were other details regarding rules around the state highways.

Gerry also did an audit of stop signs around the village.

Gerry also noted that Chief Nason is requesting more sayings for the “welcome to town” radar signs (10 characters per line, 2 lines.) He has developed some options and is working directly with the PD (and has asked for more ideas he can forward to Officer Josh—point person on the project.)

Gerry also forwarded/mentioned a variety of documents, all of which can be found [here](#).

Later it was noted that the Stop Sign request (from previous meetings) should find its way into the formal proposal. The number of intersections was discussed (there are four intersections—Liberty, Munsill, Maple, Taylor.) Merits of one at the Liberty intersection and the Munsill intersection were discussed in depth based on people’s experience.

Noted that Chief Nason is in favor of additional Stop Signs—while Eric Cota has reservations due to plowing concerns.

Also noted was the meeting about the Munsill Sidewalk scoping study. Merits of Munsill versus another street (like Liberty,) were discussed. Tanya asked about why/how the Select Board should be communicating with our committee about something like this, both now and in the future, along with where the line between our responsibilities and

theirs lives. There were multiple comments/concerns about this. Noted that Ian should be able to answer any of our questions.

## **V. Triangle Bike Loop (out of original sequence)**

Quick mention of a three-town effort (Vergennes, Middlebury, Bristol) to establish a designated/marked "Triangle Bike Loop." Documentation can be found [here](#). It is on the next Selectboard agenda.

## **VI. Grant Writing**

More from Gerry:

"VTrans Grant. I'm attending webinar tomorrow to learn about applying. But in order to fill we need a definite plan. We only have until 6/8/22. One project is a sidewalk from West St on Airport Rd to existing sidewalk by end of Rec Field."

Gerry asked for anyone with further expertise to potentially join in. Further discussion on the Airport Rd. idea (this is not the first time this has come up and is something we should formally pursue based on that and this month's discussion.)

Gerry notes that Valerie (Town Hall) said the town cannot help with a grant until we have a project and also noted that time may be a factor.

Tanya noted that she has researched a grant that can happen on a rolling basis for smaller projects (similar to the Airport Rd. idea.) It is through "America Walks" (Technical Assistance for Walkable Communities).

Gerry also noted that the state is currently not in favor of painting cross walks in colors other than "approved" ones. Also noted by Cris was issues around colors/contrast/legibility related to ADA and other legislations. Also conversation on bike lane art.

Additional follow up with Gerry post-meeting; he notes the Grant process should be initiated at the town government end.

## **VII. Human Powered Parade (May 14)**

Gerry is point on this and notes "Meredith, Rec Department. I sent email to see if she needs help with Human Power parade on 5/14/22"

## **VIII. Localmotion Update**

Covered in Gerry's discussion on Pine St./North Street traffic calming.

## **IX. Bike, Walk, and Roll to School**

This is a monthly initiative sponsored by a variety of organizations, designed to encourage getting to school via human power. Cris walked through the last three months of participation numbers (from BES,) noting that future metrics would be more detailed. Note for volunteers, forward more info, etc.

## **X. Other Business**

A note forwarded from Ian about residents of Mountain Street requesting a potential solve to the north end of Mountain Street's "where the sidewalk ends" section into Devino Lane and out towards North St. Discussion ensued—anecdotal, and shared experiences of the issues that would precipitate us looking at that section of Mountain St. for potential traffic calming.

## **XI. Public Forum**

No public discussion this month

## **XII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Gerry, seconded by Tanya.

Short discussion of grants process continued after adjournment, led by Tanya and Gerry.