

Ellsworth Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Thursday, March 29, 2007

Attending:

Jim Fisher, Jef Fitzgerald, Sarah Hammitt, Bob Bachorik, Candy Bachorik, Cathy Kozaryn, Heather Albert-Knopp, Helena Peterson, Candy Gammelmin, Maryann Locke

Recap of Last Meeting, Clarifications, Updates

- Committee reviewed and discussed some of the plans explained during the last meeting, including the plans for road improvements on High Street/Myrick Street; Fork in the Road/State St./Oak St. area.
- Jim: Brunswick's Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee made some bold recommendations about traffic patterns downtown in the first version of their plan. The plan was subsequently shelved for several years because the City Council didn't agree with some of the recommendations.

Compilation of Committee Recommendations to Date

Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Pedestrian crosswalk Water St. to Marina
- Improve crosswalk at Rte. 3/Rte. 1 intersection crossing over Rte. 3
- High Street: consider pedestrian crossings at signals
- Safe pedestrian crossing at State and Main Street. Pedestrian exclusive time on light (right turn on red yield to pedestrian; or no right turn on red, or have red right turn arrow when pedestrians are crossing).
- Fork in the Road – complete sidewalk to Y; pedestrian-ready traffic light; crosswalk (once sidewalks exist to cross from one side of 1A to the other)
- Oak Street – shoulders and sidewalks
- Close gaps in existing sidewalks: side streets connecting to High St.
- Complete the sidewalk loop: State, School, Church and Main St.
- High Street, continue sidewalk up west side of Rte. 3 to BirdsAcre
- Connect sidewalk from Main Street to Maine Community Foundation/Farmers' Market
- Safe Route to School connecting Library with Middle School
- Shore Road – Safe Routes to School
- Safe route connecting all of the schools and the YMCA
- Endorse the Water Street Trail/Sidewalk Plan
- Ensure safe pedestrian access to Woodlawn
- Pedestrian Bridge at Infant Street to create Leonard Lake Loop; Safe Grant Street to complete the loop
- Pedestrian connections to Hospital, and potentially beyond

Bicycle (and pedestrian) Infrastructure

- Sidewalk and bicycle lanes up North Side of Bridge Hill to Christian Ridge Road
- Safe route along the railroad bed from Boggy Brook Road to the Comfort Inn; 2nd segment from Comfort Inn to Washington Junction.
- Connect Middle School to rail trail (and High School) w/ sidewalks and crossing
- Walking/biking route along Bayside Road; paved shoulder or separate trail, from Indian Point to Beechland Road (could apply for enhancement funds for this); would be challenging to get right of ways from landowners
- Bicycle parking facilities

Signs, Signals, Local Laws and Ordinances

- Bicycle/pedestrian signage
- Stop, look and listen warning signs at crosswalks for pedestrians
- Change Land Use Ordinance to require large developers to implement pedestrian infrastructure. Performance design standards for big box development.
- Other Land Use Ordinance recommendations

Prioritization Criteria

- Jim reviewed a model for prioritizing recommended improvements
- Redefine terms when we send this out to committee members
- Could also estimate value for recreation/value for transportation
- Change “Values” to “Quality of Life”
- Health included in definitions for Demand and Quality of Life
- For next meeting Heather and Jim will enter these strategies/routes into the matrix, send out to committee

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 5, 5:30PM at Ellsworth City Hall
(Postponed to April 11th 7:00 PM due to Snow Storm)

Homework:

Use prioritization matrix to begin scoring committee’s recommended improvements