

**Minutes, Amherst Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**First Floor, Town Hall - 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Aaron Hayden, Bruce Carson, Kimberly Tremblay, Eve Vogel, Mark Rabinsky

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Guilford Mooring, Christine Brestrup, Maureen Pollock

Others Present: Stephanie Ciccarello, Mr. Cann

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Meeting started: 5:00 pm.

1. Announcements

- a. Hearing at the end of the month in Northampton about the state transportation plan
  - i. Noho is updating theirs as well
  - ii. State is putting together a plan for alternative transportation
    1. Want comments about how it will affect municipalities
- b. Holyoke is hosting a training on the Overview Resource Guide for Bike Ability on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall annex

2. Minutes from last meeting

- a. Minutes approved 4-0-1 with edits

3. Shared Mobility Device bylaw

- a. Two questions
  - i. Does the committee want to make a recommendation to the town council to have our own bylaw
    1. Discussion held in favor to move forward
  - ii. What will we put in our recommendation using the South Hadley example as a reference
- b. Stephanie Ciccarello presentation
  - i. The Valley Bike steering committee has been contacted by vendors that want to move into the area
  - ii. Bylaw focuses on bikes and scooters
    1. Inevitable that scooters will be in town because of the colleges
  - iii. Committee wanted consistency, so that's why they looked toward S Hadley's model
- c. Scooters
  - i. Are motorized
  - ii. Question of whether they can be used on the sidewalk or not
  - iii. Providence has a scooter program with a more thorough bylaw than S Hadley's
  - iv. Issues like insurance, licensing, enforcement, being left in the way, infrastructure

1. One company has a resident of the community be in charge of a certain number of scooters and take care of them
    - v. How do you balance out the fees for the bike company vs. the scooter companies
      1. There is no non-compete order with the bike company
    - vi. Scooter issues may bleed into neighboring communities creating the same issues there
  - d. Because the bike share is regional, other local communities will be developing scooter bylaws as well. Stephanie can bring info about what those communities are doing
    - i. Northampton has an ordinance in place
    - ii. Campuses will have their own bylaws potentially
  - e. Committee needs to think about how to frame bylaw regarding location in town, fee system (licensing), identification, enforcement, fining, etc.
  - f. Does Amherst have room for them?
  - g. Mark shared the concern about them being left on the sidewalk and the scooters entirely blocking the way. He feels that that is why a designated spot for them is so important.
  - h. Committee agreed that a staff member (Stephanie) should draft the bylaw, taking into account bylaws in other communities in order to be consistent, and present it to the committee for review.
  - i. Bruce shared thought scooters would be left in town bike racks, as long as it was not left for overnight.
    - i. May not be able to be left in bike racks at all
    - ii. Would be left open for discussion based on bylaws and enforcement
    - iii. Would like more input about how other communities are handling parking scooters
4. PVPC Bike/Pedestrian Plan
  - a. Comments will be ready for next meeting with PVPC
    - i. Public comments will be submitted by February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Committee review of maps
    - i. Suggested edits and questions noted
5. Project List
  - a. Introduction of time line for projects
    - i. Think of the 4 or 5 big projects committee wants to roll out this year
      1. 3 things are already being pushed
        - a. North Amherst intersections
        - b. Station Road bridge
        - c. E Pleasant Street work
        - d. N Pleasant St

2. How do you want to work these into your plan?
  3. There is also Rt 9 from College St to the Town Line
    - a. Belchertown Rd section
6. Next meetings
- a. February 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

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