

Town of Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – July 9, 2015, Council Chambers

Present: Hultgren (chair), Ryan, Aho, Gupta, Hall, Carrington (Director of Public Works), Painter (Director of Planning), Hilding (guest), Ryan Bergeron, Lori Fomenko (Transportation Interns)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and introductions were made. The minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting were not acted on as a quorum was not present.

Painter updated members on the status of the Plan of Conservation and Development. The public hearing was closed in June and the PZC was now going through all the comments received chapter by chapter. Their next meeting will be July 20th, and approval of the plan will happen sometime after all the comments/changes are considered. She said that the TAC's comments would most likely be incorporated.

Painter also reported that three of the four proposed walkway additions that were referred to staff at the January TAC meeting were already in the latest walkway priority listing, but the suggestion to extend the walkway on North Eagleville Road from Southwood to Bone Mill Road still needed to be evaluated according to the adopted criteria. (The short piece from Northwood apartments to Southwood Road is already part of the current priority listing.) Hilding spoke in favor of this walkway project.

Carrington reported the sidewalk ordinance is still being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Hultgren read a brief report from the Town Manager regarding the status of the Windham Region Transit District, which was now being managed by First Transit.

The draft Complete Streets Policy referred to staff by this committee is being edited by intern Fomenko prior to adoption by the Town.

Carrington and Painter updated committee members on current transportation projects: The sidewalk along the south side of South Eagleville Road has been resurfaced; a pavement management study is underway for the Town's road surfaces; the walkway from Rte 275 to the Liberty Bank plaza is under construction and should be completed in October; North Hillside Road is scheduled to be open by December; and the UConn major corridors/gateways study had its traffic counts completed before the UConn Spring semester was over.

Hultgren updated committee members on progress made on behalf of the bicycle advocates group (Bike Mansfield), including meeting with Painter to set up a pedestrian and bicycle master planning process; meeting with the Parking Steering Committee regarding more and better bicycle parking in Storrs Center; a suggested signing plan for the sections of Routes 89 and 195 to be designated as Mansfield bike routes; and the line-up of summer and fall bicycle workshops at the community center.

Under other business, Gupta asked to have the appropriate pages of the EIS dealing with the mitigation measures for the Hunting Lodge/North Eagleville intersection forwarded to him.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Chair

cc: Town Clerk, next agenda packet