



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Public Transportation Advisory Committee

November 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Town Council Chambers

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mike Hoffman, Austin Johnson, Madeleine Faust, Sönke Dornblut (Town Council Rep.), Lyndsay Butler (Town Engineer), Bart McDonough (Director of Planning & Community Development), Colin Lentz (SRPC Senior Transportation Planner), Mark Davie (SRPC Regional Planner)

Absent:

Sönke Dornblut opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

[time on DCAT 03:42]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes

[time on DCAT 04:25]

a. Review of Minutes: October 9, 2024

Action

Motion: Mike Hoffman moved to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes.

Second: Madeleine Faust

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved 4-0-0

3. Regular Business

[time on DCAT 05:18]

a. Master Plan: Discussion relative to transportation chapter update—Baseline map establishment

Sönke welcomed **Colin** and **Mark** back and thanked them for bringing maps. The committee gathered around the table to review the maps, first discussing the sidewalks to check for accuracy as they were found to be out of date. The trails on the map are a data layer from NH GRANIT, and could also use some improvement, possibly as a goal of the Master Plan.

Discussion ensued with the committee gathered around the map to look for discrepancies for correction, as well as highlighting opportunity areas for improvement. This included: the sidewalk discontinuing at the train tracks on one side of Exeter Road; the narrow sections of Bay Road that do not have sidewalks that would benefit for safety and connectivity to downtown; sidewalk development from Hersey Lane to Great Hill Drive for pedestrian safety; increasing safety on Grant Road; furthering connectivity and awareness of public access trails by Boulder Drive and Dame Road; exploring place-making opportunities when transitioning to the village area; wayfinding for the rail trail at

Rockingham Junction going into Newfields; exploring the possibility of an easement for the trails by the school for expanded use.

Discussion continued regarding street classification. **Lyndsay** explained the different categories for the classification, described as: place making streets with opportunities to extend those; regional connectors to consider for bicycle transit; local connectors for streets that don't connect to different towns but do connect neighborhoods; neighborhood links for those that have a lot of neighborhoods off of the street and link them to downtown, schools, or other areas; neighborhood streets for low traffic volume, user friendly streets. **Sönke** highlighted the example of Langs Lane as a local connector, and brought up how it is often used as a shortcut and could benefit from improvement for pedestrian safety. Ideas discussed included adding elements to the streetscape for place making opportunities and adding more pull-off areas for both bicycle and vehicle safety. **Sönke** confirmed that they would need to clearly define the classification types, and identify where they want to see the different classification categories grow and applied to. **Lyndsay** asked if there were any suggestions for the classification names. It was discussed that the classification of place making streets should be changed, possibly to village, or downtown district. Another idea was to add a small plaque to streets that are named after an individual to create place making and historical features, and also to have streets designated with signage if neighborhoods are interested.

4. Other Business

[time on DCAT 1:40:48]

a. Topics to discuss at the next meeting

Colin expressed that they would look at the chapter goals for the Master Plan to pull together ideas to discuss. **Sönke** added that a further discussion on parking and public transportation should also take place, as well as continuing tonight's discussion.

Sönke recommended that an example streetscape would be good to include in the Master Plan chapter, or something to break up the text and have visual appeal.

Bart confirmed that the next meeting would be December 11.

5. Adjourn

[time on DCAT 1:53:30]

Action

Motion: **Madeleine Faust** moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Second: **Austin Johnson**

Discussion: None

Vote: **Approved 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Grotheer
Land Use Administrator

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