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## TOWN OF MADISON

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### BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:00 PM

Virtual meeting due to COVID 19

Attendees: Robert Russo, Virginia Raff, Lianne Herdle, Dan Buckley, John Biehn, Jeanne Morrissey, Dennis Durante. Red Sullivan joined late.

1. Guests welcome/ public comments/Chair's comments Two guests: Michael Ahljianian and David Wilkins.
2. Minutes/notes of last meeting: Dan moved to accept the minutes. Lianne seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Chair noted that in the absence of a secretary, she will construct minutes from the transcript of the meeting unless there is an objection. There was none.

3. Committee membership:

Welcome to Dennis Durante. We will act on another candidate tonight and then have two regular openings remaining and two alternates.

4. Old Business

- Budget Request and consultant - Ginny: Still no answer on funding for a consultant
- File sharing – Jeanne: The Google file is ready to receive files for sharing. If there are problems uploading, Jeanne and Lianne can help. Jeanne will send invitations to new members to enable them to use it. It was agreed to try to work out the kinks outside of committee meetings. There was a question about the Stantec study done for the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Barbara Yaeger obtained a PDF from the landscape architect who worked on it and will post it in the sharing file.
- Crosswalks – The decision is in the hands of the BoS. Peggy wanted to get all the information together before they discuss our proposed policies and procedures including the cost to make the proposed site on Meeting House Lane into a standard crosswalk. Rob reported that he had no knowledge of a request to Public Works for cost estimate.
- Social Media – Jeanne: Postings on Facebook and Instagram about committee openings. Will start spring safety campaign soon. Please let Jeanne know about any news or good topics.
- Master Plan progress reports...

**East West Route** – Prior to the meeting Ginny distributed the narrative. Comments were received from Lianne. Ginny said she would make adjustments and then have Barbara Y. add visuals before uploading the document to the shared file.

**North-South** - Ginny asked for volunteers to work on proposed north south routes. Michael Ahljianian, David Wilkins, and Red Sullivan volunteered. (did I miss someone?) Support was voiced for Route 79, Summerhill Road, and Opening Hil Road. It was also agreed that state highways are not off the table just because they are state highways. We need to work with the state to accomplish an excellent master plan

that optimally meets the needs of the town. The state has its own complete streets policy and should be willing to work with us.

**Schools** -Lianne walked the Lowry property (newly purchased by the Madison Land Trust) with a Land Trust group. This is the land north of Warpas all the way up to where it meets the Double Loop parcel owned by the state and managed by the Land Trust. She talked to Land Trust members about Safe Routes to School, and about the potential for a side path on Copse down to Greenhill, and how this could make a SRTS route from all the residences off Opening Hill and Warpas. She thought these families would be very supportive of off-road trails through the area. The Land Trust has a policy against biking so that's an open question. When we did the Lenore Drive trail, they voted to allow biking because it wasn't used much other than people going to Brown School, and it was a very short segment on the Land Trust portion, whereas this would be quite a bit. And then there was also the question about hunting on Double Loop. There are many residential properties all along Opening Hill and some on Warpas. We could make the argument to the state that between safe routes to school, and it being a small parcel with a lot of residential properties maybe they would just discontinue hunting.

**Downtown:** The Road Safety Assessment of the downtown area is still on schedule for March 23.

**Recreation trails:** no report

**Beach area:** Jeanne and Lianne will obtain the previous work from Ellen

5. New business

Jeanne and Dan are working on a bike safety rodeo tentatively set for May 21 possibly at Daniel Hand

6. Executive session: motion to close regular meeting: Motion, Second All in favor. Executive session held. Motion to adjourn second All In favor. Move to open regular meeting. Second. Michael Ahlijanian will be recommended to the BoS by committee.

7. Adjournment - motion to close meeting - Second all in favor

Next meeting April 5, 7:00PM