Lewisboro Bike & Pedestrian Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 29, 2021

* The Committee approved the minutes from the May 25th meeting
* **Funding for projects**:
	+ Dan suggested we look into a public referendum for getting projects funded
* **Pedestrian access to train station**
	+ Jon Monti from Goldens Bridge Hamlet Organization (GBHO) joined the meeting
	+ Attempt to get zebra stripes across between the shopping center and the parking lot
	+ Original ask was concerning pedestrian access in and around North street and Rte 22; pedestrian safety along rte 138 to make train station and shopping station more accessible (colony, wild oaks).
	+ DOT does not want to make a “real” walkway because not enough pedestrian traffic; would also have to get MTA involved
		- Becomes a large project; need cross walk and signal; and a landing
		- Told Tony to talk to MTA – need their buy in
		- Purdy’s train station has a new sidewalk and crosswalk; replace
			* $450k; DOT did their piece; leveraged the MTA relationship; MTA expressed support which helped the project move forward. Involved MTA president (back in 2016);
		- TAP grant possible funding for GB project.
		- Mr. Monti urged the town to take a 15 year view
		- **Next step**: MTA; DOT owns that land. Next step is to go back to DOT and let them know that DOT owns the land. Need to coordinate with MTA.
			* Ultimately DOT will approve the plan
			* Action: Tony will now go back to DOT. If we have to go to the President, then that’s what we should do. DOT needs to know that it’s not MTA land.
			* Dan: do we get a resolution from the Town Board that we want to improve the safety of the area.
	+ DOT has draft plan for comment due on July 9th
		- Action: Tony to send draft plan to Jonathan
	+ Note that Tony had put in an application for sidewalks in a funding proposal tied to the Federal Budget.
* **Vista**
	+ Goal is to make things more pedestrian friendly
	+ Need to capture ideas as part of the Comprehensive Plan
		- Long term big-ideas, with smaller, shorter-term wins
	+ Crosswalk topic:
		- Action: Peter to send a drawing of sidewalk and a story to go with it
	+ Hiking trail on wetlands topic:
		- 54-acre lot with wetlands thaTt could be used to make a path.
		- Planning board it the place for this discussion
* **Route 121 Pedestrian Crossing**
	+ See diagram of location of crossing, below.
	+ Tony will be meeting with the owner of the shopping center to review drawings and determine if owner will build his part of the sidewalk; next step will be permit application
	+ Update on approach using path through preserve – Tony noted that deed would not allow a path on the preserve
* **Bike Sundays**
	+ Discussed next steps
* **Bike rack**
	+ Have a $500 donation
	+ Committee has to pick a bike rack
* **Bridge restoration**
	+ Tony’s next step is to try to go back to the original engineer
	+ Discussed need for a design; could we find someone (like Peter’s architect) to donate a design?
	+ Next step: Take a new drawing and the old survey and bring back to DEP
	+ Other ideas related to inspection: would the state do a visual inspection? Could we get a pro bono inspection?

Route 121 crossing

