



City of Keene
New Hampshire

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

8:15 AM

**City Hall, Second Floor
Conference Room**

Members:

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| Linda Rubin, Chair | Charles Redfern |
| Dillon Benik, Vice Chair | Ed Guyot |
| Christopher Brehme | Drew Bryenton |
| Thom Little | David Souther, Alternate |

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) April 11, 2018 Minutes
- 3) Project Updates
(Note: BPPAC Master Plan Documents available to committee members on google drive)
- 4) Bicycle/Pedestrian Counting Program
- 5) NHDOT TAP Funding 2018
- 6) Old Business
 - Pathway Maps Review and Input
 - Public Outreach and Events
 - Upcoming CIP Infrastructure Projects
- 7) New Business
 - Items to be included for next meeting
- 8) Adjournment

Next meeting date –May 9, 2018

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 2018 8:15 AM City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Linda Rubin, Chair
Chris Brehme, Member
Thom Little, Member
Charles Redfern, Member
Drew Bryenton, Member
David Souther, Alternate

Staff Present:

Will Schoefmann, City Staff

Guests Present:

Charles Daloz
Tiffany Mannion

Members Not Present:

Dylan Benik, Vice Chair

1) **Roll Call**

Chair Rubin called meeting to order at 8:17 am and roll call was conducted.

2) **February 14, 2018 Minutes**

Mr. Little moved to accept February 14 minutes with revisions, Mr. Souther seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Revisions as follows:

Page 1, Accept January 10, 2018, minutes change:

Page 5, KSC Wayfaring Project Presentation Discussion”

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“Page 5, KSC Wayfaring Project Presentation Discussion, paragraph 2, change PR to public relations

Page 6, New Business, paragraph 2, change BMX to BMX (Bicycle Motocross).

3) **Project Updates**

(Note: BPPAC Master Plan Documents available to committee members on google drive)

-Cheshire Rail Trail-Park Ave. Loop (TAP)- Mr. Schoefmann said they are in the process of transitioning into the engineering division managing the project. They are awaiting

engineering study feedback from NH DOT and Federal Highway, hopefully in the next couple of weeks. He said they are currently in a holding pattern and waiting to hear back about what might need to change in the engineering study phase and a notice to proceed onto preliminary engineering.

-Bike racks- Mr. Schoefmann said some of the bike racks have been put out and he will need to update a map. He said he is open to ideas about where things can be moved to or tweaked and to feel free to email him, however, only bike racks on public property will be considered.

-NH Pass Signage- Mr. Schoefmann said the sign shop replicated 10 signs that they needed. He referred to the NH DOT Encroachment Agreement dated April 2 in the packet attachment which states that all 13 sites were approved this time due to the reduction in size of the signs. He said the old ones were too large to be approved. Mr. Little stated that the new sign is understandable as opposed to the ones from the past 2 years and he approves of them. Mr. Schoefmann said the template is included in the packet and the signs are a little bit larger than the "Hospital" sign. He said when the ground thaws out the sign shop manager and he will install the signs. He said the locations can be reviewed in the attachment.

Complete Streets grant- Mr. Schoefmann stated that there is a new Complete Streets grant opportunity being managed by MAST. He said there are two attachments in the packet regarding the two letters of intent submitted last month. He said one project is for improved crossings at Main Street, one at Appian Way and one at Harborside closer to Wyman Way, including some tactile stuff, and possibly some fancy flashing beacons as well.

He said the second project (attached) is part of an old TAP grant that they had submitted in the most recent, last round of funding where they proposed intersection treatments at Grove Street and one at Baker which are similar in nature to the treatments they are proposing for the Main Street corridor, such as landscaped islands, bump outs, traffic calming, etc.

Mr. Schoefmann and newest planner, Ms. Mari Brunner, will be meeting with Mr. Don Lussier to figure out which treatments the City will go with based on funding alignment and the grant's timeline. He said Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) is inviting submittals until the end of June but the announcement will not be until November because the SWRPC Board of Directors does not meet in summer so the final determination will likely be October-November. He said he will keep BPPAC posted on the progress of the grant. Chair Rubin asked if Mr. Schoefmann would like feedback from BPPAC on the projects. Mr. Schoefmann replied that both projects hold merit, and both corridors and Complete Streets improvements are in BPPAC's Master Plan and project goals. He said he would accept feedback, however, the deciding factor on which project moves forward will be funding. Chair Rubin asked what Keene State College (KSC) is thinking and Mr. Schoefmann said they would prefer it to happen this year which is problematic because the City is trying to leverage grant funds. Mr. Schoefmann said KSC is interested in the Main Street project, whereas the City has CIP funds earmarked for the TAP grant portion considerably reduced for Marlborough Street improvements, so there are a couple of moving pieces in terms of funding that they are currently trying to nail down. Mr. Schoefmann said he is open to feedback if members would like to email or call him.

Mr. Redfern announced that in regard to the Cheshire Avenue-Park Avenue Loop TAP project, he spoke to the City Engineer and he indicated that NH DOT is reviewing the

preliminary engineering study. Mr. Redfern explained that there are three steps to the process: after the study phase, the preliminary engineering design will be done by CHA, then after that, the final design will be performed by CHA and then the last step is the final docks for CHA. Mr. Schoefmann clarified that then they will need to negotiate right of way and a whole bunch of other things. Mr. Redfern said the City Engineer told him things were going well and Mr. Schoefmann said they have not gotten an approval letter for that phase yet. Mr. Schoefmann explained that based on NH DOT's guidelines and federal standards for how to manage projects, submittal is followed by a letter for approval, and they have not sent a notification letter yet for funding. Mr. Redfern said the actual advertising for bid is not expected to go out until this summer and construction will not be done until next year. Mr. Schoefmann said they had some concerns about that and NH DOT said they will accept an extension as it was supposed to be done last year.

Mr. Little asked Mr. Schoefmann if the street marking for TAP is still part of the project as opposed to being spun off. He said it has been noted in the past that street marking is the most expensive way you can follow federal criteria for a project. Mr. Schoefmann replied they cannot have two construction projects as part of the TAP project. They asked NH DOT Project Manager and they were told that has never been done in the history of Transportation projects and it will not be done that way. Mr. Little asked if the City could do it as opposed to contracting it. Mr. Schoefmann replied probably not. Mr. Schoefmann said the entire road has already been surveyed during the planning phase. Mr. Little said that is unfortunate. He asked why BPPAC did not find out about the two projects submitted for grants. Mr. Schoefmann clarified that the two grants are not complete; instead they are letters of intent which describe the potential projects and infographics. He said they are attached in the packet and the proposals were available for March's meeting, however, there was no March meeting. He encouraged members to review the letters of intent and he will consider the committee's feedback.

Bicycle Mayor of Keene, Ms. Tiffany Mannion- Ms. Mannion announced that she attended the National Bike Summit in Washington D.C., and acquired certification to teach a Driver's Safety Training that is practiced in 3 different countries and 39 states. She said it is a driver's education program so she is hoping to approach companies with fleets of vehicles and work with them on how to drive safely around cyclists. Ms. Mannion said it is geared towards anyone who is driving on two wheels or four in the state of New Hampshire, and she is excited to bring programming on the local level.

Ms. Mannion also applied for and received a grant for 100 helmets and will share the Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire's Safe Roads to School programming with fourth graders, targeting Swanzey and Winchester first until she runs out of helmets. She also sent bids out for \$250 to purchase fluorescent t-shirts for children in the program. She said Safe Roads to School will be a big part of her spring. Ms. Mannion stated that she sent out the Bicycle Mayor of Keene April newsletter advertising the annual 10th annual Bike Swap in the center of the state, as well as other programming coming up, for example, Bike Fit in Vermont and bringing attention to biking events locally and regionally.

She said she taught TS 101 (Traffic Skills 101) over the weekend in Portland, Maine and had 8 participants. She spoke with Shannon Belt who works for Bike Maine and he has a fleet of

30 balance bikes that he uses to teach children how to ride on an obstacle course through a Learn to Ride course. She said she is working with Emily Coey at 365 Cycles to see how to bring Mr. Belt's programming to Keene. Ms. Mannion said she reached out to a well-known Learn to Ride educator in Boston and she invited her to participate in one of her classes to design programming for adults.

Ms. Mannion said she also spoke with a company called Cycle Life HQ and they have asked her to develop tours for bike riding in the state of New Hampshire and New England and she is going to start developing tours to put on their website for free. They are one of the global leaders on information for cycling tourism and they can throw marketing behind in an effort to put Keene and the region on the map as a bicycle tour destination. She is also putting one of the tours on Adventure Cycling (June 1-3 weekend) as an overnight tour and that can be set up as an Airbnb or as a camping trip, as another avenue towards promoting Keene as a bicycle tour destination.

Ms. Mannion said she and Mr. Schoefmann will be on the radio this Saturday with Chris Coates's Sound Off show on the Monadnock Radio Groups' stations at around 10 am. She also shared that 5 people are already signed up for Traffic Skills 101 and expressed that she is happy about that number of people as it is an intensive course and hard to get enrollment. Ms. Mannion stated that the more representatives demonstrating safe cycling, the better. She also encouraged members to sign up for the Bicycle Mayor of Keene newsletter and to share it widely to engage others.

Mr. Redfern stated that Ms. Mannion is now certified to train trainers for biking. He shared that years ago in the Rockingham area, there was an individual who trained the UPS drivers and informed Ms. Mannion that there is a grant available for that (\$5,000 locally), however, he said she must be a nonprofit. Ms. Mannion replied that she is not currently a nonprofit. He said she could easily become a nonprofit or get a fiscal agent such as Pathways for Keene.

Ms. Mannion shared that she is working on the Bike to Work Week programming and this year she will be pitching a letter to local business owners to ask them to sponsor a breakfast for their employees who bike to work. She is hoping that businesses sponsor riders for that week and contribute towards breakfast. She then would like to generate a list of those businesses as a gateway for bicycle friendly businesses in Keene. She said she is excited to check numbers this year and compare them with last year and to try to create vested interest in business owners.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Counting Program Recap- Mr. Schoefmann recapped that BPPAC completed its first round of counting for the corridor at the designated spots chosen. He shared that he received a spreadsheet that was formatted for input of data they collected in conjunction with the Complete Streets Advisory Committee Counting Guide which is what they based their counting process on. He said he will enter data into spreadsheet and then upload the spreadsheet to the Google Drive to share with members, and it will also be submitted to NH DOT and the greater counting program nationwide. Mr. Schoefmann said the next counting week is May 14-20 and BPPAC should check member availability as the next BPPAC meeting is May 9, 2018. Chair Rubin asked Mr. Schoefmann if there were any improvements that could be made on the counting process. Mr. Schoefmann said they covered most of the shifts that they needed and there were not any gaps. Mr. Souther shared that people in the community saw him counting and he has been using the opportunity to

spread the word. Mr. Schoefmann said he will update social media to share the initiative as well to include the larger community.

Mr. Bryenton inquired to Mr. Schoefmann if the update about NH Pass Signage had been shared with the Monadnock Cycling Club (MCC) and asked if he could share that information himself. Mr. Schoefmann said he could go ahead and share the information. Mr. Bryenton asked if the MCC is responsible for installation and maintenance and Mr. Schoefmann said MCC and the City are responsible. Mr. Bryenton said he would share that information with the MCC Board as well. Mr. Bryenton had updates from Ms. Mannion at the last meeting where they pitched the Bike to Work concept and produced a short list of potential businesses that may be interested.

4) Upcoming CIP Infrastructure Projects

Mr. Schoefmann showed members the CIP book they had been curious to find out about and said it is also available online through the City of Keene website. He said he went through the Consolidated Infrastructure Report in the Department of Public Work's (DPW) transportation section in the CIP book, which describes the amount of money allocated to certain street improvements for each fiscal year. He indicated that in fiscal year 2019, which begins July 1, he looked at what amount of funding is earmarked for certain streets using the Complete Streets designators from the guidelines. For example, for Carpenter Street, which is a neighborhood street, there is \$44,000 earmarked for roadway improvements, for Court Street (Central Square to West View Terrace), a gateway street, there is \$181,000 earmarked for roadway improvements. For Marlboro Street, there is \$79,500 allocated for roadway improvements and infrastructure projects, \$63,000 specifically earmarked for surface improvements and some drainage, sewer and water improvements.

Mr. Schoefmann said his idea is to go through and formalize the funding allocations for the next 4 years so the committee can bring it to DPW's attention as to the Complete Streets designations outside of rural that are coming up. He said in regard to the Complete Streets Design Guidelines, there is a typical cross section of what the City envisions these different street designations to look like. He said if they could tie the Complete Street type into the improvements it may change how DPW performs improvements. Mr. Schoefmann suggested for next month he could update the committee with a spreadsheet highlighting categories of Complete Streets. Mr. Brehme asked Mr. Schoefmann which categories of Complete Streets are not getting highlighted. Mr. Schoefmann said the rural roads, bicycle streets, slow streets and gateway streets are of concern. He also suggested simply adding a Complete Streets column to the spreadsheet. Mr. Redfern asked how members could get a copy of the CIP book. Mr. Bohannon said there may be copies upstairs on the 3rd floor in the Finance Department and Mr. Schoefmann said he will also email the web link. Chair Rubin asked if it is a 5 year plan and Mr. Schoefmann replied it is technically a 6 year plan.

Chair Rubin stated that it is important to get West Street on the radar as it is probably not included in any of the years. Mr. Schoefmann said most of the allocations are pretty small in terms of what would actually be needed, however, he said the Engineering Department and DPW are innovative so they could make money go far. Mr. Souther asked if the roundabouts at Winchester Street are included in the fiscal year and if construction will start the beginning of next year. Mr. Schoefmann replied that the City's portion is earmarked and is part of a 10 year project from NHDOT and the meetings would be the best source of information. Mr.

Souther said he had not heard of anything since they moved it forward. Chair Rubin said she liked the idea of adding a column for Complete Streets for indicating its alignment with Complete Streets guidelines, and Mr. Schoefmann said it was certainly something they could use to track that information. He said there will be an update on the spreadsheet next month.

5) **Old Business**

- Pathway Maps Review and Input- Mr. Redfern stated that the map project has been on the back burner and was supposed to have been completed 2-3 years ago. He said the reason he feels strongly about it is because it was a private initiative to build kiosks in which Benson Wood gave a significant discount, Monadnock Conservancy bought a kiosk and Pathways for Keene donated money for the other 2 kiosks. He said he has been warning the City that if the maps are not put up, teenagers will vandalize the kiosks. Mr. Redfern said he would like to see movement on this project. He said once maps are done, it would be easy to come up with a smaller map for public distribution. He said bike shops are asking for maps and he suggests they donate money to create their own copies of the City maps.

Mr. Bohannon shared that the bike shop maps were not completed as they did not have enough advertisers for funding and the company they used was not helpful. He said the resort maps have the paths on them; however, those maps are not what the City needs. Mr. Bohannon said he, Mr. Schoefmann and the IT department are working on an initiative that he believes will set them apart from anyone else in the area and help draw people into the City for its parks and trails. However, he said they will need more time and money for that initiative. Mr. Schoefmann asked if anyone knows how to find trail maps on the City of Keene website. He said he will send the link to members so everyone knows how to access those trail maps.

Mr. Bohannon said they created Keene Pass about 5 years ago at the request of the City Manager as an initiative to promote trails. He said they tried to create a non-City entity that turned into Keene Pass; however, the initiative waned as he began to promote the Parks and Recreation Department more. He said the Keene Pass page and the Parks and Recreation page needed to be combined and the web page now contains a trail link on Keene Pass page which will eventually be turned into the Parks and Recreation page. Mr. Redfern asked if the kiosks were even necessary and Mr. Bohannon replied that yes they are. Mr. Schoefmann said he still has some edits to do on the maps as there are some unofficial trails that need to be removed and reproduced. Mr. Bohannon said the lights are going in first but they will attempt to combine the map project with the light project to complete it.

Mr. Brehme stated that there was a student project in his cartography class last fall aimed at developing a Swanzey-Keene bike path map in collaboration with Mr. Bohannon and his uncle Bruce. He said he owes Andy a version of that map to start reviewing it and he would like to bring it in for review to BPPAC. Mr. Bohannon shared his department was approached by a website called Trailfinder.com whose mission is to publish every trail in northern New England, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. They have completed ME and are now focusing on NH and VT. He said they have an impressive amount of information and Mr. Schoefmann is providing layers to them as another means of promotion.

- Project Funding Approach and Strategy Letter- Mr. Schoefmann said that the House Bill did not pass in regard to the ability for municipalities to raise the transportation improvement fee from \$5 to \$10. He said one of the legislators is trying to attach the letter to another bill. Chair Rubin said she changed the letter to include the purpose of earmarking funds for projects aligned with Complete Streets. She said she revised the letter after she discovered the Bill did not pass and Mr. Schoefmann can circulate the revised letter to BPPAC. Mr. Schoefmann said the list of projects that the funds have been earmarked to and they included the Cheshire Rail Trail projects. Mr. Redfern said he called into a radio show and stated that none of the money was being used for the trails; however, he now knows that is not true. Chair Rubin said she included the projects in the letter. Mr. Schoefmann said one of the ideas behind the letter was to bring to City Council's attention that there are opportunities for some Complete Streets improvements, such as in-street facilities for bicyclists and safer crossings for pedestrians, however, DPW does not have a pool of funds anywhere do these improvements. Therefore, he suggested they could encourage City Council to consider applying fees to in-street facilities. Chair Rubin agreed and said she will send revised letter to Mr. Schoefmann to send out to committee.

Mr. Bryenton asked for clarification about how the fee system would work out. Mr. Schoefmann clarified that the improvements are not contingent upon the \$5 additional fee; it would hinge on the fees already being generated and connect revenue streams to where they could be used most effectively. He said Mr. Lindquist would be in support of anything bolstering his own projects.

- KSC "Freedom by Design" Ashuelot River Park pumptrack- Mr. Schoefmann said there is a group of students from the Keene State College Architecture program looking for a project to design and build. Mr. Bohannon asked Chair Rubin to consider removing this item from BPPAC's agenda list because it is a park feature and not related to pedestrians. Mr. Schoefmann informed the committee that the pumptrack location is next to a levee, which is not an ideal spot for the project, so plans for the project are limbo as of now. He said he will let committee know when the location issue is clarified.

- Public Outreach and Events- Mr. Redfern asked Ms. Mannion what the Earth Day events will be this year. Ms. Mannion replied that different groups are hosting Earth Day celebrations and the Monadnock Food Co Op celebration is Saturday, April 21 from 12-4 pm. She said she put a Recycle and Ride event in her newsletter to encourage the public to pick up winter trash on their favorite trails. Mr. Bohannon said the City is working with Antioch New England and the Monadnock Co-Op for a Green Up Keene event on Saturday, April 21st as well. Ms. Mannion said there are also free blue bags available for trash pick-up.

6) New Business

Mr. Schoefmann said the SWRPC is putting together an Ashuelot Rail Trail Advisory Committee to come up with a plan for the entirety of the Ashuelot Rail Trail. He said towns along the rail trail have been asked to nominate committee members. Mr. Schoefmann and Ms. Brunner will fulfill the staff side and he asked if 1-2 people from BPPAC are interested in participating. Mr. Brehme and Mr. Bryenton said they are already involved through KSC and MCC. Mr. Redfern said he put his name in and asked if has been included and Mr.

Schoefmann said to follow up with Henry Underwood at Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC). Mr. Schoefmann said he will keep committee informed on the output of that committee.

Mr. Daloz asked committee members what their thoughts are about placing fruit trees and blueberries along the trails. Mr. Schoefmann said it is a great idea and referred to Mr. Bohannon as the point person for that initiative. Mr. Redfern said maintenance would be the major issue. Mr. Daloz stated that there is a piece of land between Antioch and Pearl Street that is being considered for pollinator gardens and if anyone is interested in that project to please contact him.

7) **Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:28 am.**

Next meeting date –**May 9, 2018**

Respectfully submitted by,
Ayshah Kassamali-Fox, Minute-Taker

Additional Edits by,
Will Schoefmann, Planning Staff

BPPAC Project Updates 2018

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| Project | Status | Budget * | | Schedule | | | Updates (change and relevant updates) |
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| | | Cost | Status | Start | Finish | Status | |
| Jonathan Daniels Trail | Planning | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Getting estimate for drainage and surfacing maintenance |
| Jonathan Daniels Trail Phase II | Planning | \$20K | Even | N/A | N/A | N/A | Removed from CIP. Seeking alternative funding sources for a study. Added to priorities under trail projects. On Priority List for Master Plan |
| Cheshire Rail Trail - Park Ave. Loop | Working | \$411,615.51 | Even | 14-Aug-19 | Fall 18 | Behind | In process of project lead transition on City side to Engineering. Engineering Study feedback received from NHDOT/FHWA. No major issues, minor revisions and responses being submitted. |
| Bike Racks | Working | Grant Funded/Fed+ SWRPC | N/A | ongoing | N/A | N/A | Some bike racks out, if BPPAC has comments on location provide them at meeting or via email to wschoefmann@ci.keene.nh.us |
| Master Plan | Working | City Staff | N/A | Spring14 | Fall 2017 | Behind | Introduction and Background available for BPPAC Review, Trail Specific Maps and details regarding North Bridge inserted. |
| NH Pass Signage | Working | City Staff | Over | ongoing | Apr-18 | Behind | Remaining 10 new compliant signs have been produced in house by the sign shop for a total of 13 signs. NHDOT approved all 13 sites in original encroachment agreement and signs will be installed once weather is allowable at the 13 locations |
| Lighting | Planning | City Staff | N/A | ongoing | N/A | On Schedule | PFK have selected Lumens for Less to supply the light fixtures for the trail lighting along sections of the Cheshire Railtrail. This project is supported by the City but managed by PFK. |
| Complete Street Grant 2018-19 | Planning | \$45-50K | N/A | underway | Jun-17 | On Schedule | The City of Keene has elected to apply for improvements along the Marlboro Street corridor as part of this round of funding. Pedestrian crossing, traffic calming and safety features will be installed at the Grove Street and Baker Street nodes. |
| Complete Street Grant 2017-18 | Hold | \$10K | Even | underway | Nov-17 | Behind | Lining has been completed by contractor for just over 8k. Signage installation due to be completed by December with approval of Grant extension by SWRPC. Project signage will be installed in Spring 2018. PSA has been distributed and run in the Sentinel, Info fliers/material due later this month. |
| Bicycle Mayor | Working | Local Crowd | N/A | Fall 2017 | Fall 2019 | On Schedule | Completed running the LAB TS101 (Traffic Safety 101) course(s) on April 21, 2018 at Keene Parks and Rec with 6 registrants. Working toward Bicycle Friendly Business and University Goals as well as Special Events for Bike to Work week May 14-18. |

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| MASTER PLAN | | | | | | | |
| Access Point & Connectivity Analysis | Planning | City Staff | N/A | | | N/A | Master Plan top 5 project. Staff will be Planning this project in the upcoming months. |
| Wayfinding | Planning | City Staff Unknown | N/A | Planning | N/A | On Schedule | BPPAC heard report from Keene State Geography Seminar group to will incorporate findings into BPPAC Master Plan. Downtown Wayfinding incorporated as part of the Downtown Revitalization CIP |
| Complete Streets Assessment | Planning | City Staff | N/A | Planning | N/A | N/A | Master Plan top 5 project. Staff will be Planning this project in the upcoming months. |
| Sidewalk/Pedestrian Connectivity | Planning | City Staff | N/A | Planning | N/A | N/A | The Engineering Division, Department of Public Works has an app available to them and have completed 65% of the condition assessment of all City Owned sidewalks for Spring 2017. |
| West Street - Complete Street | Planning | City Staff Unknown | N/A | Planning | N/A | N/A | Designated as a Gateway Street in the Complete Street Design Guide. BPPAC discussing interim and long range solutions for bike/ped facilities along the corridor. BPPAC began 2018 bike/ped counts for middle section of West Street in March, more counts scheduled for May 14-19 |

**Budget - Even = "Within Budget"*

ITEMS WITH UPDATES

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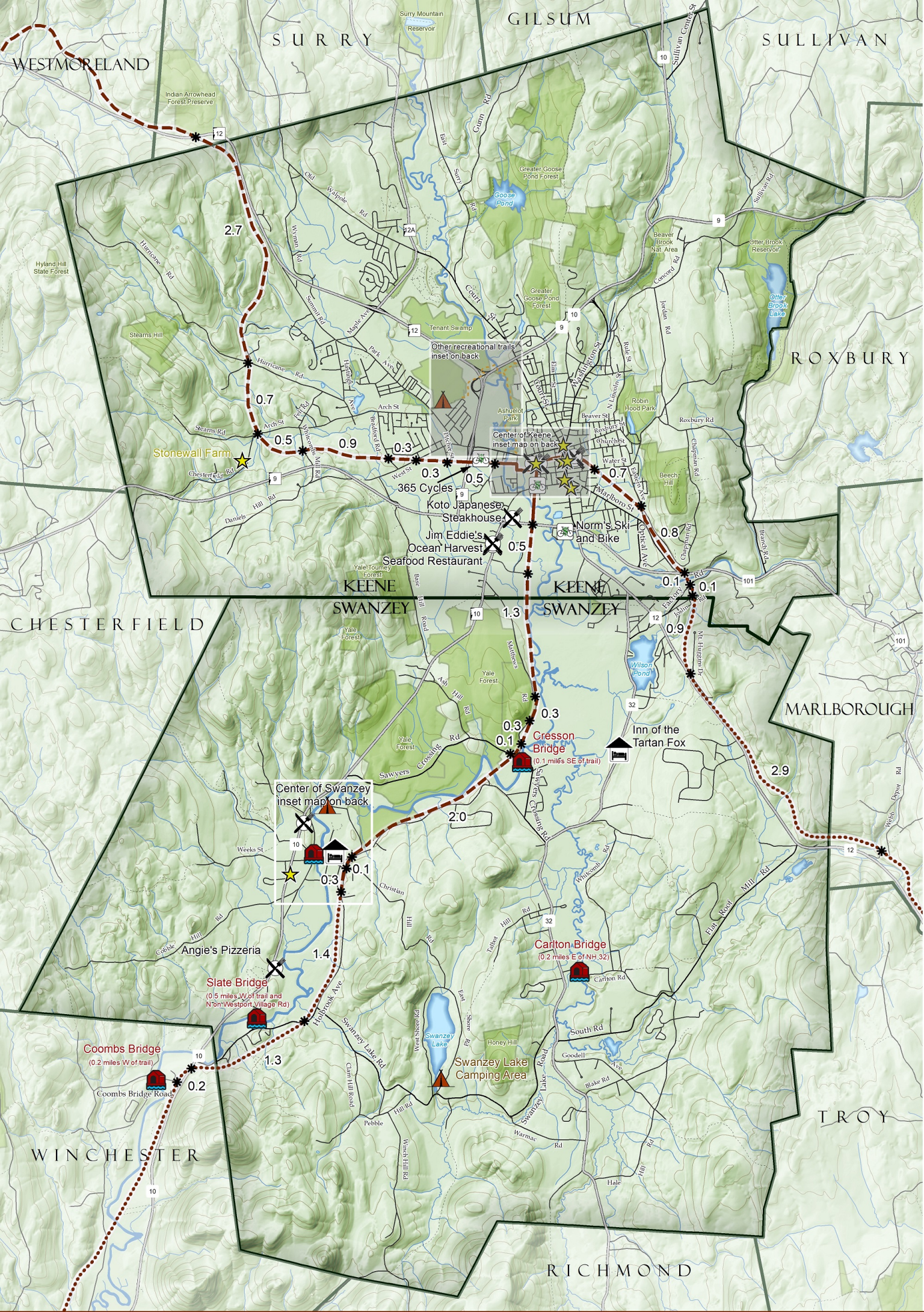
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| Master Plan | Working | City Staff | N/A | Spring14 | Fall 2017 | Behind | Introduction and Background available for BPPAC Review, Creating Trail Specific Maps (see updated timeline) |
| Mayor's Innovation Conference | Working | City Staff | N/A | 29-Sep-15 | Jan-18 | On Schedule | Mayor Lane and Bicycle Mayor, Tiffany Mannion attended the 2018 Mayors Innovation Conference in Washington DC to participate in a panel discussion on Equitable Bicycle Infrastructure. Finalized Powerpoint was included with the packet. |
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| Complete Street Grant 2018-19 | Planning | \$45-50K | N/A | underway | Jun-17 | On Schedule | The City of Keene has submitted two letters of intent to this year's round of MAST Complete Street Implementation Grant funding program. Both projects include improved pedestrian crossing elements. One at two intersections along Marlboro Street the second at two crossings identified in the KSC Wayfinding report on Main Street near the college. |

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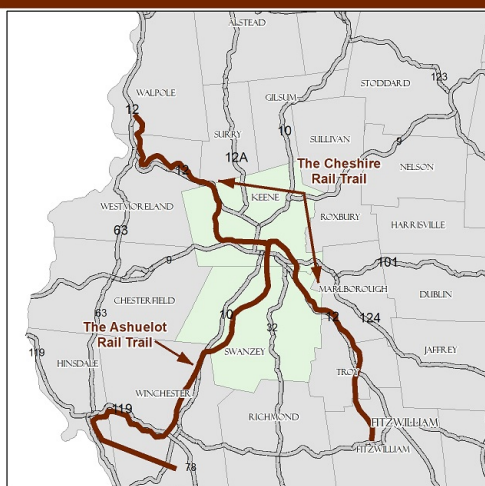
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ITEMS WITH UPDATES



The Ashuelot and Cheshire Rail Trails

And Other Recreational Places in the Towns of Keene and Swanzy, NH

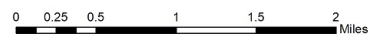


The Rail Trails on the Map

- Unimproved Surface
- Graded Surface
- Paved (seen on reverse side inset maps)
- * ← Road Crossings are marked with asterisks
- 0.7 ← Numbers on the map indicate mileage between road crossings
- ← The Cheshire Rail Trail enters Keene near the northwest corner and travels south. It passes through the center of town, then turns and crosses the southeast corner of Swanzy. The Ashuelot Rail Trail enters Swanzy from the southeast, passes through West Swanzy, and travels to the north to join the Cheshire Rail Trail in the center of Keene.

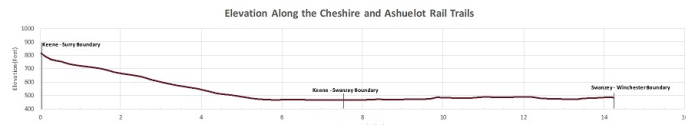
Featured Points of Interest

- Covered Bridges
- Campgrounds
- Hotels
- Bike Shops
- Restaurants
- Sightseeing

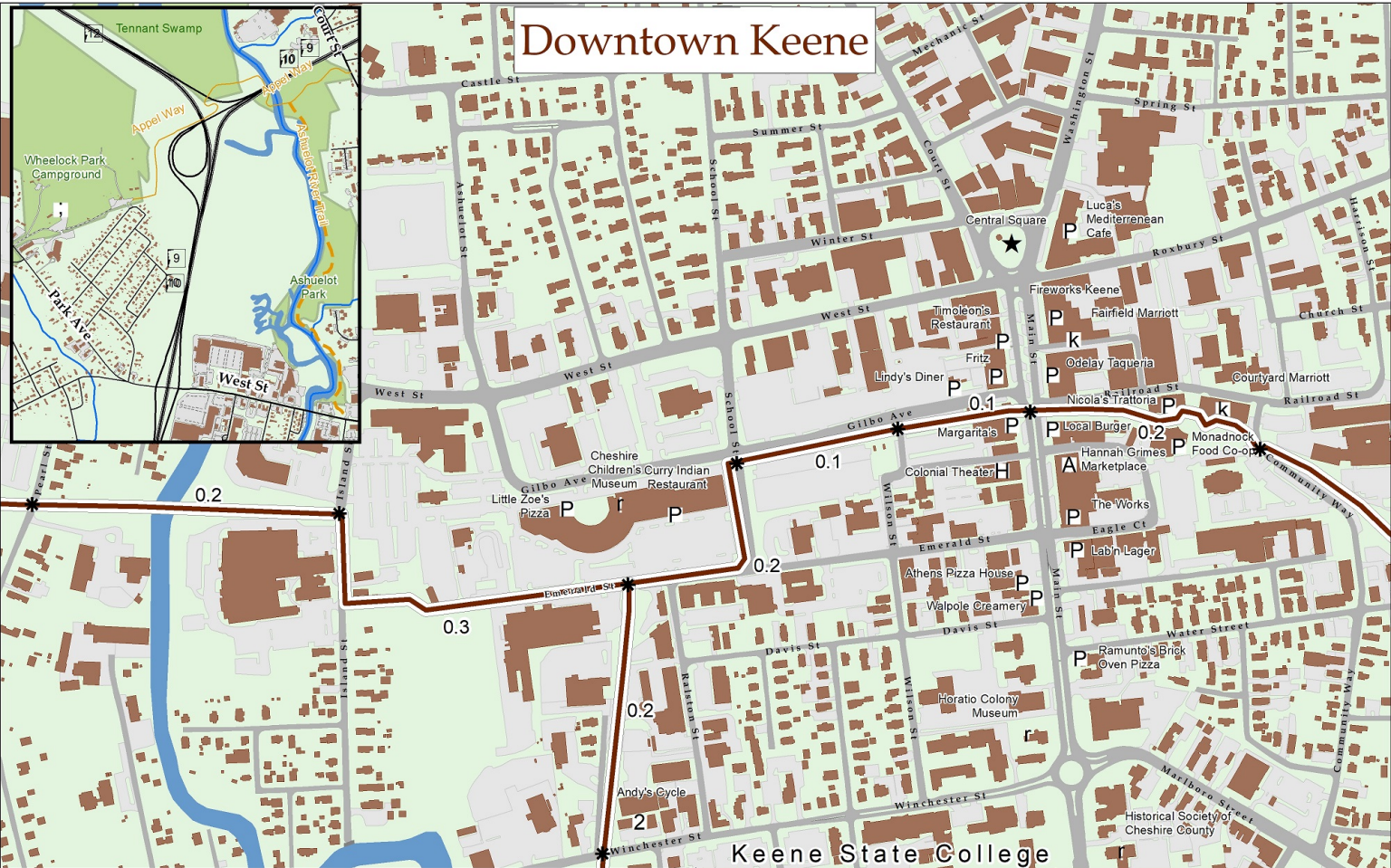


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Data gathered from:
NH Grant - town boundaries,
rivers and lakes, roads, trails,
conservation land,
USGS - elevation data
Towns of Keene and Swanzy -
roadway, buildings, trails
Google - points of interest, trails



Downtown Keene



KEENE LISTINGS

HISTORY OF THE RAIL TRAILS

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| <p>Restaurants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza o(603) 357-3555 www.ramuntos.com •Domino's Pizza o(603) 357-5534 www.dominos.com •Athens Pizza House & Restaurant o(603) 352-5370 •The Works Bakery Cafe o(603) 357-7751 www.worksbakerycafe.com •Thai Garden o(603) 357-4567 www.thethaigardengroup.com •Amicci's Pizza o(603) 355-3535 www.amicisonline.com •Margaritas Restaurant o(603) 357-4492 www.margs.com •Lindy's Diner | <p>Points of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Colonial Theater o95 Main Street o(603) 357-1233 www.thecolonial.org •Hannah Grimes Marketplace o42 Main Street o(603) 352-6862 <p>Bike Shops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Andy's Cycle o165 Winchester Street o(603) 352-3410 •Norm's Ski & Bike o62 Martell Ct o(603) 352-1404 •365 Cycles | <p>Advertise Here!</p> | <p>Advertise Here!</p> | <p>The beloved bike trail that runs through Keene and Swanzey has a past tied to the city's industrial roots. On May 16, 1848, over 5,000 people celebrated on the streets of Keene as the first train to reach them was en route from Boston. This was a tremendous feat at the time, bringing economic opportunities to Cheshire County that eventually shaped the region. As time passed, the railroad closed for good in the early 1960's after highways and road improved enough that the railroad was no longer needed. Since then, the railroad has found another use as a recreational trail for residents and visitors to enjoy. The trail is about 14 miles long from Swanzey to Northern Keene. It passes through a number of attractions such as the many famous covered bridges, conserved lands, and downtown Keene. The Ashuelot and Cheshire Recreational Rail Trails serve as a popular attraction for cyclists, hikers, walkers, and anyone interested in the scenic and historical qualities of the area.</p> |
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SWANZEY LISTINGS

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| <p>Stores, Restaurants and Attractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Nick's Seafood & Steak o(603) 352-6664 www.nickseafoodandsteak.com •B's Treasures and Flea Market o(603) 357-9900 •Ashuelot River Campground o(603) 357-5777 | <p>Advertise Here!</p> | <p>Advertise Here!</p> |
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| <p>THE ASHUELOT AND CHESHIRE RAIL TRAILS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL PLACES IN THE TOWNS OF KEENE AND SWANZEY, NH</p> | <p>Advertise Here!</p> | |
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