



TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
DOWNTOWN BRUNSWICK AND OUTER
PLEASANT STREET CORRIDOR
MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
28 FEDERAL STREET, BRUNSWICK, ME 04011-1583

Margo Knight, Chair
Councilor – District 6

MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

John Perreault, Vice Chair
Councilor – District 4

Newell Augur
Citizen at Large

Paul Dostie
Resident - Downtown

Elisabeth Doucett
Creative Economy/Non-profit

Jacqueline Ellis
Citizen at Large

Stephanie Slocum
BDA Member

Toby Tarpinian
Business Owner - Downtown

Katherine Wilson
Resident – Pleasant Street

David Flaherty
Business Owner – Pleasant Street

1. **Introductions/Public Comment/Announcements**
 - a. No public comment given.
 - b. Overview of new website/Downtown Master Plan webpage. Request made to have link on page for information sign-ups.
 - c. Announced Brunswick designation as one of 20 Best Small Towns nationally by Smithsonian Magazine.
2. **Presentation of 3/26/12 Meeting Summary**
 - a. Summary accepted unanimously without revision.
3. **Presentation By Village Improvement Association**
 - a. Postponed until May 30th meeting.
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. **Visual Quality (Stephanie)**
 - 1) Written summary attached. Additions to Committee are Scott Hood- Bowdoin College; Toby Tarpinian.
 - b. **Ped/Vehicular (Jaki)**
 - 1) Written summary attached. Access Health may be a potential funding source for way-finding signs.
 - 2) Subcommittee recommendation: Placement of sharrows on federal Street and designated side streets between Federal and Maine Streets for improved bicycle safety. Would provide for easy access to Town offices and Recreation facility.
 - 3) Subcommittee scheduled to meet with BBPAC on May 3rd to continue discussion regarding Master Plan Pedestrian/Vehicular recommendations (meeting was postponed until June 11th, 6:30, Council Chambers).
 - 4) Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant proposal discussed. Proposal made by Richard Cromwell and Melissa Fochesato to request funding for placement of flashing crosswalk to improve student bike/ped safety when walking from neighborhoods east of Maine Street to Harriett Beecher Stowe Elementary School.
 - 5) Discussed installation of 2 raised crosswalk/curb extensions across Maine Street at intersections with Lincoln/Banks Streets and at Bank of America Plaza.

- 6) John Foster, Public Works Director, noted his concerns with Opportunity #4 regarding hazardous conditions for bike riders crossing intersections, pedestrian crossing bike lanes and other points of conflict.
- c. **Neighborhoods (Margo)**
 - 1) Outreach to Neighborhoods discussed utilizing Stowe Elementary PTA, Town website and Brunswick Blast.
- d. **Finance/Marketing (Dave)**
 - 1) Discussed potential for Transportation Enhancement and SRTS funding; other funding possibilities with the Ped/Vehicular Subcommittee.
 - 2) Noted need to prioritize projects.
 - 3) Discussed how to move forward on a larger goal (opportunity #4) and potential CIP placement.
5. **Master Plan Outreach Activities**
 - a. MPIC Status Report to Town Council postponed until after budget adoption.
 - b. Ideas/outreach mentioned:
 - 1) Speak at meetings of local organizations/request input.
 - 2) Margo presented at April 9th Rotary meeting. High level of interest noted.
 - 3) Margo requested to present by People Plus.
6. **Other Comments**
 - a. Comments offered by guests Rich Cromwell and Bob Bruce (Merrymeeting Wheelers) regarding need for improved ped/bike safety on Maine Street.
7. **Next Meeting To Dos/Agenda**
 - a. **Next meeting May30, 2012, 6:30pm**
 - b. Visual Quality Subgroup to invite VIA representative to present their 2012 activities.
 - c. Ped/Vehicular Subgroup to meet with BBPAC.
 - d. Staff to place sign-up link on Downtown Master Plan.
 - e. Staff to develop list of potential webpage links with assistance from MPIC.

Present: Margo Knight, Chair; Anna Breinich, Committee Staff; Liz Doucett; Jaki Ellis; Toby Tarpinian; David Flaherty; Stephanie Slocum; Kathy Wilson.
Attendee: John Foster, Town Public Works Director; Rich Cromwell and Bob Bruce, Merrymeeting Wheelers