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Subject: Public Health & Safety Nov 19 Mtg Cancelled/ Updates

I am assuming we should **cancel Nov 19 mtg** given what we heard at last meeting about many of you not being able to attend and no pressing items that couldn't wait until Dec 17 at 4 pm so please save that date. Peter, welcome as new sheriff. We hope you can join us then. Please use this email to update on any news you see fit to share. Here are some from me.

Signs on Public Property: Planning and Zoning, particularly Tom Scanlon, prepared me for a good discussion on this selectboard agenda item last night that I requested in response to the flurry of signs in past month and concern of a resident that signs were being removed illegally. She wondered if the town has any warning system as it does for winter parking ban. She asked if a sticker could be put on the offending sign warning that it was out of compliance and would be removed if not placed correctly. Town legal council advised Selectboard that this policy become ordinance. SB approved referring it to the town policy committee. I said that it's tricky to define right of way and best thing is to consult Planning and Zoning before putting out your signs and perhaps the ordinance says something to this effect. I emphasized the intent of the policy to keep our town visually appealing to residents and visitors and asked for compliance.

Winter Parking Ban: Could be used as an opportunity to encourage people to try alternatives to car use so they aren't stuck seeking limited parking, shoveling out cars or having to remove vehicles. I propose adding something like this statement to our Winter Parking Ban PSAs.

Let us help you save money and spare parking and shoveling this winter with more efficient, convenient, hassle free transportation. Access the ACTR Bus (actr-vt.org) or Go! Vermont (connectingcommuters.org) for your transportation needs (carpool, vanpool, train, and Intercity)

Winter Road and Sidewalk Safety: The catapult from fall to sudden winter tested our systems as storm drains became clogged with fallen leaves and backed up water which froze on our shoulders and roads creating hazardous conditions for cyclists trying to stick to shoulders and motorists using roads. Thanks to all for rapid responses. I will remind residents that they can help by unclogging storm drains near their properties and sanding ice patches from the public blue buckets at intersections.

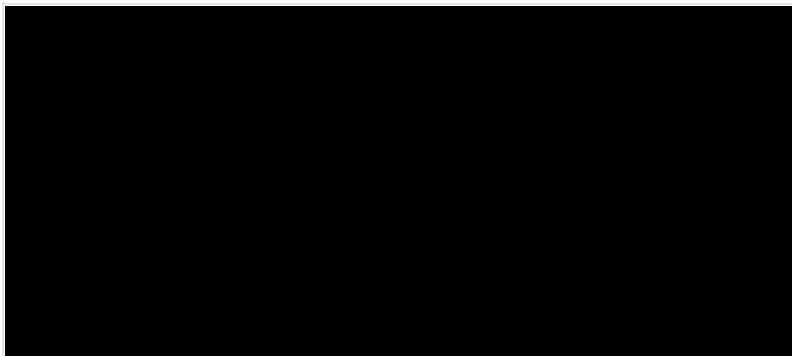
Bikes and Other Rideable Devices: Review our ordinance with regard to managing arrival of electric-assisted bikes, scooters, skateboards, skates and such. just to be sure we're comfortable with what we proposed in the ordinance for regulating these. Some would like to see a public e-scooter pilot in Midd like Montpelier but I, Tom H and others feel caution is needed on this, esp since we want to keep focus on using bikes if the goal is to reduce carbon and improve health. That said, these e-assisted devices will arrive in Midd whether we encourage them or not and we should be ahead in regulating for safe use of our roads and sidewalks and planning for where they can and should "park."

E-bike and e-motorcycle/scooter users will want secure parking for their valuable bikes/scooters. This could be spun positively as a marketing tool to attract people downtown and relieve parking woes.

Vermont Walk/Bike Summit (Spring 2020). Middlebury was selected to host it. Big opportunity to market our downtown efforts. Planning underway by Walk/Bike Council of Addison County and ACRPC which is also working on mapping and marketing a Triangle Bike Route connecting our hub towns (Midd/Vergennes/Bristol via much of New Haven).

Career Development: We're still working on promoting the police cadet program and encouraging creative measures to expose your important professions. I commented at last night SB meeting on the film *Fallen* shown at Marquis last week about police officers killed in line of duty and May 15 Peace Officer Day commemorating them and the specialized social work skill required of police and emergency responders.

Community Conversations: There have been and will be ones on restorative justice (expungement clinics, healing victims, healing offenders as seen in screening of *Coming Home* kingdomcounty.org/blog/2018/8/1/coming-homenew-documentary-by-bess-obrien



Coming Home—New Documentary by Bess O'Brien

After a year and a half, my latest documentary film *Coming Home* has been completed! Patrick Kennedy and I lo...

by Bess Obrien about five incarcerated Vermonters becoming reintegrated into their communities), gun violence, and white privilege.

Dec 17 Agenda Items: Any budget or policy items you need approved by PHS before presenting to Selectboard and/or Infrastructure? I see old cell tower is still not down as we approach the Nov 16 deadline with Verizon. Hopefully, that will be down when we next meet.

Laura