

## **Westborough Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016**

**Attending:** Ed Beauchemin, Don Burn, Ellen Gugel, Brendan Hanrahan, Glenn McCleod, Nancy Siegal, Bruce Tretter; Howard Drake

### **1. Approved October 3 meeting minutes**

### **2. BWALT**

**Mass DCR Recreational Trails Program grants:** Don reported the availability of up to \$100K funds from these grants and proposed the town apply (due February 1, 2017) with the option to “pull out” by May if we determine the project won’t be ready in time by the grant period which would begin October 1, 2017 and the town would have up to two years to expend the funds and complete the project.

We would apply for funds to build the bridge over the Assabet River, near the sewage treatment plant. Two easements are needed from Route 135 to Otis Street for the project.

A 20% match is required, might need a vote at spring town meeting. Conservation Commission approval also needed by May.

As an “add on”, we could apply for a SuAsCo River Watershed Council grant to build a canoe launch. Up to \$10,000 grants. Due in May.

**East Main to Lyman progress:** Work by DPW was delayed.

**3. Town-wide traffic study:** At Fall Town Meeting, a suggestion was made during the debate on Kimball Road traffic signage article that the selectmen conduct a town-wide traffic study. If and when it happens, Don recommended our committee write a letter to the selectmen to urge them to take into account all modes of transportation, especially pedestrians and cyclists in the study.

### **4. Walk to School Day**

October 5 was a successful day with Armstrong School. Next steps? Meet with Grafton organizer – Grafton has weekly Walk to School days from October to December. Meet with PTA group to spur interest. Involve a gym teacher (name?) who walks to work.

### **6. Next Meeting**

Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m.