

## **Westborough Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2016**

**Members attending:** Don Burn, Ellen Gugel, Glenn McCleod, Bruce Tretter

**Others:** Howard Drake

### **1. Approved April and May meeting minutes**

### **2. BWALT**

**Easement process & progress:** The easement process is moving again. This morning Don and Bruce met with Jim Malloy, Carl Balduff and Randy Waterman to discuss the process. They assigned the outstanding easements among themselves on who to approach, or re-approach, the landowners. This is for all easements from Park West to Park Street:

- Don will return to Mottla, Longo, SVT and Prentice Forest
- Jim Robbins will work with Carruth
- Bruce will approach Srinivasn (East Main), Sharma & Chandell (Longmeadow), State Street and also McCarthy

Don mentioned he'd like to get an article for town meeting to authorize the easements not strictly within the BWALT ROW either fall meeting or spring at the latest. He'd like to get started on easements for the commuter rail station spur (3) and those that will reach to Southborough (3)

Bruce had previously sent a draft of an easement process which we reviewed and filled in somewhat. He'll revise it and redistribute.

**Coordinated walk with MassDOT, MAPC, CMRPC:** This will likely be in the fall at this point.

**Westborough TV:** Don talked to Tim at WTV about doing a segment on BWALT that will be broad enough to appeal to all the towns along the trail. Idea: include WTV to film at the planned walk-through with MassDOT et al in the fall.

**East Coast Greenway:** Don is interested in having Molly Henry of ECG give a short presentation to the Selectmen about how the BWALT can hook into the larger ECG system. This would be August or September at the earliest. Don and Bruce also discussed how the trail could connect to the Upper Charles River Trail in Hopkinton in the future and also the Blackstone River path in Grafton.

**Funding:** Bruce reported on a very positive meeting with Jim Ball (Jim and Nelson Ball business owners in town) who are eager to help with funding the trail. He also mentioned the Lions Club, Civic Club and Rotary for new or additional support.

**Complete Streets:** Jim Robbins and Carl Balduff went to the presentation and are interested in getting Westborough to adopt a policy. This could also be a source of funding for elements of the BWALT. Bruce said he'd contact Jim Robbins again about it.

### **3. Spring Festival**

Though the weather was cool and overcast, the day was a success.

We gave out all the kids' small and medium helmets (like last year) and only had a few large left. David White, the helmet donor of Breakstone, White & Gluck was present and helped fit kids along with members of the BPAC.

The family ride attracted 17 riders and was a success. In future years if the weather is better, we might consider sending groups off every 10 or 15 minutes with different leaders to keep the groups manageable.

### **4. Bike to School Day**

Bruce has been in contact with John Mendes at Armstrong and he is supportive and cooperative. Likely at this point, it will be in the fall.

### **5. Next meeting**

Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.