Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016 7PM, Westborough Town Hall

Present:

Members: Bruce Tretter, Nancy Siegal, Brendan Hanrahan, Glenn McCleod, Ed Beauchemin,

Don Burn

Others: Howard Drake

1) Meeting Minutes

Approved June 13 meeting minutes.

2) MetroWest Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Don attended a MetroWest Chamber of Commerce Meeting. They were interested and supportive of the BWALT.

3) BWALT

• East Main St to Lyman section:

Bruce reported that the trees are being cleared. DPW will clear the top branches.

Easements

CarMax: Bruce reported that the CarMax easement was signed. Other sections: Bruce will update the easement status document.

4) Articles for fall town meeting

Discussions on getting information for the 3 fall town meeting articles.

Easement money

It was suggested that we work with Waterman to get estimates for the easements, outside the Park St to West Park Drive section.

Should ask the town if the cost of the title searches be included in the town meeting article, or are they under a different budget item.

Engineering money

Some sections of the trail will require some engineering work. It was suggested that we ask the DPW for estimates.

Sections that will require engineering work include:

Gannon Way

McCarthy section

Carruth Capital section

• Easement acceptance

It was suggested that we try to word the article such that it does not requiring a detail plan, since the route of the trail might vary. Maybe the article could be written to just include a list of property owners. Should verify if this is OK with town council.

5) Complete Streets

Bruce meeting with town officials on this.

Discussion on Bike route signs. Should ask town officials what the "rules" are on where they can be placed.

6) BPAC Meet Up Rides

The WCLT set up a "Meet up" group on the web (meetup.com), and many people signed up. Discussed if we should set one up to organized bike rides.

7) BPAC Website

Discussion about having a BPAC website, separate from the town web site. It was suggested that we ask Mark if we can add photos to the BPAC page of the town web site.

8) Bike to School Day

John M from the Armstrong school is interested. Bruce will arrange a meeting later this summer for a fall event.

9) Other Items

Bruce will be attending a meeting Jim M is arranging with town officials and downtown businesses, to talk about proposed improvements around the rotary.

Crosswalk flashers were installed at Main St, near the Forbes Building.

10) Next meeting

August 8 at 7PM.