

Westborough BPAC
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015

Attendance: Bruce Tretter, Don Burn, Ellen Gugel, Howard Drake

July 28 meeting minutes approved.

BWALT:

Don has contacted Ian Johnson about unresolved easements in Westborough along the proposed trail. Ian will talk with Jim Malloy tonight at the Selectmen's meeting about moving forward to get the easements resolved.

Don has talked with Ian about encouraging the Southborough Board of Selectmen and their Economic Development Committee to initiate the development of a Southborough Bike & Pedestrian Committee to help advocate for the complete BWALT trail, especially through Southborough.

Bruce reported that he contacted Robert Weidknecht from the Upper Charles River trail about proper use of reclaimed asphalt chips. Bruce will share that information with the DPW. Bruce also heard from P.W. Brown that they're interested in volunteering their services to box out the proposed 3/10-mile section of trail between E. Main St. and Lyman St.

Bike & Pedestrian Plan:

Don has been talking with Mark Stockman about creating a GIS layer to provide data regarding state of the streets, road speed

limits, number of lanes, sidewalks, etc. to calculate safe bike and pedestrian routes through town.

Bruce will speak with Kristi Williams on August 26th about the town's sidewalk plan. Topics will include: neighborhood-to-neighborhood connections, safe routes to school, town business and services accessibility. The committee provided some additional talking points that included looking into the possibility of linking neighborhoods through private property accesses and improving the safety and visibility of currently existing crosswalks in town.

State Hospital Property & Trail. Bruce spoke with Jim Malloy about access to the portion of the state hospital property along Lyman St. and adjacent to the Cedar Hill Trail driveway that the State Hospital Reuse Committee is considering to sell. The BPAC will meet with the State Hospital Reuse Committee regarding this issue on Aug. 27.

Next meeting: Sep. 8, 2015