

Westborough Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: August 8, 2016

Members attending: Ed Beauchemin, Don Burn, Ellen Gugel, Brendan Hanrahan, Nancy Siegal, Bruce Tretter

1. Approved July 11 meeting minutes

Correction – Don did not attend a meeting of the Metrowest Chamber of Commerce, he just met with the Executive Director

2. BWALT

East Main to Lyman progress: Tree work is mainly done, waiting on Paul W. Brown and DPW for excavation and to lay the surface down

Easement progress: Not much progress to report, partly because summer vacations

McCarthy – Randy Waterman will approach McCarthy

Chandell – Bruce contacted Chandell but they are away for two weeks vacation

Randy is preparing a plan that Don can use to show Mottla, Longo, Prentice Forest, SVT

There is a revised easement that is now being used, updated from the one a few years ago

Bruce distributed an updated easement process “Land Easement Acquisition Guideline”

3. Fall town meeting articles

Need an article for funding to survey rest of the easements to Southborough line (three) and to MBTA station (three) – need quote from Randy for survey costs

Need an article for engineering costs – need quote from Randy, which is or may be needed for Gannon Way, McCarthy/CarMax, Prentice Forest and sewage treatment plant and to understand ground conditions upfront and address any unplanned issues like the CarMax experience

Don met with Carl Balduf about these

May want a third article for engineering costs up to Northborough

4. Bike (Walk) to School Day

There is a national “Walk to School Day” which is October 5 and it was agreed to dovetail with that theme. Bruce will contact John Mendes at Armstrong to discuss. Bruce has previously spoken to John who is supportive of bike/walk to school.

5. Next meeting

Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m.

6. Other

- Wrong-way street grates issue came up again when Ed Harrow wrote to the committee about a few. Someone (who?) from the town was to respond to him.
- Rails to Trails has a webinar August 18 at 2 p.m. to introduce its new TMap methodology that prioritizes where trails should be developed. Don has info.
- Brendan inquired about plans to develop a path behind Bay State Commons to Southborough along the rail line. Land is owned by Jasco Tools of Rochester, NY with very polluted wetlands which inhibits any progress. Don looks into the status periodically and will keep us updated if any movement.
- Moving Together conference (MassDOT) is September 29. Don and Bruce plan to go.