

# Westborough BPAC

## Meeting Minutes

### May 12, 2015

Attendance: Bruce Tretter, Glenn McLeod, Don Burn, Ed Beauchemin, Nancy Siegel, Howard Drake

- Approved last month's meeting minutes.
- BWALT
  - CarMax's final design plan shows a wall across the proposed trail. The wall was added to help with environmental concerns with the salamanders in the area.
    - We are working with various people to resolve getting through the wall. Trying to get issue resolved before construction starts in a few months.
    - The options to go around the wall would involve going through wetlands, which would require state environmental approvals, and cost much more.
    - One proposal is to add some additional retaining walls. This would be a cost of about \$15K to \$18K for materials, to the BWALT trail project.
      - We discussed various ideas to raise money.
  - Jim M arranged with the town contracted legal services to do the title search for the 6 easements that we have agreements with.
  - There is about \$2500 left from the funds received from town meetings for the easements.
  - Bruce will talk to Jim M on how to handle money that is donated or granted for the BWALT, i.e. do we need a separate account.
- Spring Festival Event
  - Thanks to the High School Student Council volunteers that helped the BPAC at the event.
  - Between the Spring Festival, and YMCA event, about 160 helmets were given away.
  - The Bike Rodeo was moved from Waterman's Parking lot to an area closer to the festival. This was a better/ more visible location.
  - Laundry's Bike shop helped by setting up a bike maintenance area.
  - Suggested improvements for next year:
    - Better PR/Publicity, i.e. get the BPAC events listed in the Spring Festival booklet.
    - Nancy attended the Brain Injury Association's Injury Prevention Fair. Maybe include this group as part of the BPAC table.
- Walk to School (Oct 7, 2015)
  - Nancy mentioned that Oct 7 is the national walk to school day.
  - It was mentioned that we might want to focus on 1 school, and that Armstrong might be the best school (due to the many sidewalks) to have a walk to school event.
  - Nancy is planning to talk to the schools about doing some event on that day.
- Talked about suggestions to get more publicity:
  - One idea is to present at a Rotary club meeting

- New flashing crosswalk signs were installed on Lyman St. near the Willows.
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan
  - Don started section 2 (list of terms, glossary). Looking for volunteers to finish it.
  - Don added the town road speed data that Glenn sent him.
- Discussed adding more information to web site.
  - Maybe creating a separate website for BPAC information.
    - Nancy to ask Mark about this.
    - Bruce to ask Jim M about this.
  - Suggested adding the Spring Festival handout showing local Rail trails to the web site.
- Don plans to attend the next Shrewsbury Town's Trails Committee Meeting to talk about the BWALT.
- Ed attended the CMRPC's "Mobility 2040 - Central Massachusetts Long Range Transportation Plan" Public Meeting. It was about listing/prioritizing transportation projects between now and 2040. The BWALT is on the list of proposed bike/pedestrian projects available for some funding by 2040. Proposed funding, that might be available in the future from this source, is \$500,000 for the entire, estimated 18 mile, trail.
- committee member opening
  - Bruce to ask BOS. Maybe send email about opening to email distribution lists.
- Next meeting June 16 at 7PM.