

# Westborough BPAC

## Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

Attendance: Don Burn, Ellen Gugel, Chris Hughes, Glenn McLeod, Bruce Tretter, Howard Drake

- Approved last month's minutes
- Brief discussion of BWALT – Don to provide an update later when he arrives from another meeting
- Commuter Routes (Howard)
  - 6/11 Meeting with Mark Stockman to discuss putting it on the web
  - Needs readability work
  - Discussed possible liability issues and the need for a disclaimer
  - Are the rotary avoiding routes (Water Street underpass, Cottage St.) legal?
- Brief discussion of police on bikes
  - Not enough usage in the past to justify maintaining it
- Talked about apparent increase in bike traffic in town
- Discussed Mission Statement
  - Need to check with Nancy
- Sidewalk plan
  - Bruce will check with Jim Malloy & John Walden
  - Particular concerns with Mill Rd and Adams St, since they are due for reconstruction
  - It would be useful to identify gaps in sidewalk coverage that could easily be closed up
- BWALT
  - Easements
    - Letters will be sent out to all owners
    - Don gave status on each landowner
  - Plan ready for release
    - Board of Selectman & local legislators
    - Website
  - Don presented the plan to Southboro to a mixed reaction
  - Possible grants
    - Worcester chapter AMC
    - People for Bikes
    - State
    - Need easements before grant applications can be made
    - Deadlines are coming up in the fall

- Need to do costing of the work needed
  - Need fiscal sponsor (e.g. WCLT) to accept grants
- Don is working on a presentation for other towns and organizations (495 Partnership, Rotary Club, Civic Club, etc.)
- Discussion of the EMC property (where the trail will cross near the Westborough/Southborough line)
- BoS report (to be presented June 24<sup>th</sup>, time TBD)
  - Sidewalk Plan
  - Flashing crosswalk at CVS
  - BWALT plan (working on easements, grants)
  - Bike and Pedestrian Plan
  - Commuter routes
  - Spring festival – helmet giveaway
  - Easement chart for BWALT
- Fundraising/Marketing
  - Is this BPAC role or should it be a “Friends of ...” role
  - Should probably be a non-profit – with people with influence on its board
  - Word of mouth is starting to spread
- Cub Scout event 6/11, Bruce to present
- Next meeting July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM