

Westborough Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Forbes Building, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, July 8, 2014

Committee members present: Chris Hughes, Bruce Tretter, Don Burn, Howard Drake, Nancy Siegal

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

June 10, 2014 meeting minutes approved.

BWALT – BOS to send letters to all property owners on proposed BWALT trail via Greg Franks. We need the CarMax easement first before talking with Natural Heritage about the spotted blue salamanders. We also need the easement with McCarthy in order to put together a plan so that we can get a cost estimate to build a bridge over the cattle underpass near the McCarthy property. Don will finish edits on the BWALT plan and ask Mark Stockman to post the plan on our webpage.

Bike & Pedestrian Plan:

Commuter Routes: Howard's commuter routes are now on the BPAC website. Howard would like feedback on his routes. Don suggested checking with one of the local technical universities with computer science and civil engineering expertise to find out about putting together an algorithm to allow for specific point-to-point/bike smart route navigation. The navigation program would have to take into account road grade, traffic compatibility, user's cycling ability to provide the shortest/safest route. Don to check with Karen Goins with Walk/Bike Worcester.

Mission Statement: Committee agreed to use a mission plan that was adapted from the Annapolis Bicycle Master Plan 2011. Committee also agreed to draft a plan that sketches proposed action but is more of a marketing plan than a task oriented action plan. The introduction to the plan will define specific cycling and pedestrian terms (intersections, bike lanes, etc.).

Flashing Crosswalk Sign at CVS: Sign was installed by DPW and is now operable. Westborough Swim & Tennis Club has expressed interest in having a flashing crosswalk sign on Oak St. to connect the club to the daycare center across the street. Civic Club has also expressed interest in funding additional signs.

Next Meeting – Aug. 19 @ 7pm/Forbes, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm