

## **Westborough Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Forbes Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Rm, August 19, 2014

Committee members present: Ellen Gugel, Bruce Tretter, Don Burn, Howard Drake, Nancy Siegal, Glenn McCleod

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

July 8, 2014 meeting minutes approved.

### **BWALT**

**Easement progress:** SVT – need survey for metes & bounds. Carmax and McCarthy are willing to sign easements when they get metes & bounds and legal language nailed down. Acquiring those two easements will give us access from Lyman to Park St. Carruth, Mottla, Longo, & Prentiss Forest are willing to sign. Don will arrange for surveys to be completed through Waterman Design.

**Next steps:** Don recently walked a route that might provide an opportunity to extend the trail from Park St. toward Otis St. and the MBTA station through Sassacus Dr.

**Town Meeting:** The committee discussed the possibility of acquiring funding to survey trail and get easements from Park St. to Otis St. as well as spurs off the trail to the post office, Avidia Bank, and to back lot of Stop & Shop, Meadow Rd. to the back of Westmeadow Plaza (Fafford = owner). Don to find out from Waterman the cost of finishing the surveys from 495 to Park St. Once we get the surveys and easements, then we can approach Natural Heritage about getting a permit regarding the blue spotted salamanders near the proposed CarMax (former Rotary driving range) property.

Don made a motion to put together an article asking for funding to get additional surveys to cover spurs off the proposed main trail and spurs mentioned above. Committee voted unanimously in favor. Don will get a cost estimate for needed survey work.

**Shrewsbury link:** Shrewsbury Trail Committee and Town Planner Kristen Las said that they would try this winter to get approval from the Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission for approximately 1.3 miles of trails in Shrewsbury, all of which are owned by the town. Don proposed taking a walking tour of the Shrewsbury section over Labor Day weekend.

**Bike & Pedestrian Plan:**

**Commuter Routes:** Howard has reviewed edits for proposed routes. Committee will decide at next meeting regarding text.

**Flashing Crosswalk Sign at Swim & Tennis Club:** Sign has been ordered and should be installed in the near future. Swim & Tennis club has donated \$750 toward the cost of the sign.

**Downtown Rotary Revision:** Bruce met with members from CMRPC last month to talk about possible safety revisions to the downtown rotary. CMRPC recommended conducting a Neighborhood Safety Survey this fall that would include all interested parties in town to identify problems with the rotary as well as possible short and long-term solutions.

Next Meeting – Sep. 9 @ 7pm/Forbes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm