

Ad Hoc Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes
Forbes Building, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Sep 24, 2013

Committee members present: Don Burn, Chris Hughes, Ed Beauchemin, Ellen Gugel, Howard Drake, Nancy Siegal, Bruce Tretter

Meeting opened at 7pm

Minutes 8/13/13 approved

Town resident Karl Connolly came to speak about converting the Veterans' Freedom Park running trail, which he believes is underutilized, to a multi-use trail. He also proposed using the town library as meeting area for ride to Veteran's Park. Major attraction at Veterans' Park would be off road safety from traffic. Karl proposed that a pavilion could be constructed as meeting space at the head of the trail and that he would eventually like to see the trail paved with asphalt so that pedestrians and handicapped people could have access to it. He also mentioned possibly acquiring corporate sponsorship. The trail is 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles long. Don mentioned that current restrictions regarding the land prohibit paving the trail, though he did not rule out the possibility of using stone dust. Karl will check in with Jim Robbins about feasibility of building the trail. He will also check in with Tim Dodd as president of Veteran's Park Committee and Greg Franks regarding existing easement modifications regarding moving forward with his idea. Regarding Karl's suggestion about a route from the library to Veterans' Park, Don mentioned that Rt. 30 is on Massachusetts Bay State Greenways list.

BWALT trail progress and Town Meeting article – article is prepared and FINCOM is supportive.

Bruce reported on communications with Tim Dodd that the town would like to use traffic crossing flags at the crosswalk during Farmer's Market events.

Nancy mentioned Sep 22nd Globe article regarding cycling safety and the need to change culture.

BPAC Education Committee – Ellen reported that she, Chris, Ed,

Howard & Nancy have gotten town maps from Jim Robbins that they will use to map safe bike routes through town. Some considerations: avoiding rotary, crossing route 9, high traffic vs. low traffic, guidance on safest time of day, points of interest. The group will talk with police chief and GIS dept. The subcommittee plans to put together draft of routes and then meet again with Jim Robbins and Chief Al Gordon.

Next meeting – October 22nd at 7pm in the Forbes 3rd floor conference room

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm