

Ad Hoc Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes
Forbes Building, 3rd Floor Conference Rm, Oct 29, 2013

Committee members present: Don Burn, Chris Hughes, Ed Beauchemin, Ellen Gugel, Nancy Siegal, Bruce Tretter. Diane McElvery also attended.

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Minutes 9/24/13 approved

BWALT Progress: Don reported on Article 13 approval at Town Meeting Oct. 22nd authorizing the use of up to \$22,000 to pay for easement surveys and deed amendment filings for properties along the proposed trail. Don will work on procuring easements with 12 property owners along the trail with Jim Robbins and Greg Franks over next 8 months.

Don recently attended East Coast Greenways Bike/Walk Conference in Providence and Moving Together Conference in Boston. The state will now only consider road projects that include a non-motorized component.

Don suggested our committee review regional bike & pedestrian plans from Annapolis, Boston and other regions to see if those plans could potentially be used as a template for our town bike and pedestrian plan.

Bruce reported that he just spoke with Jim Malloy about how we could most efficiently improve the visibility of crosswalks in addition to the new hi-visibility signs we will soon be installing throughout town. Don said Federal Highway Administration has a new report on crosswalk safety regarding best practices.

Ellen reported on Education Committee progress. She, Nancy and Howard met recently about creating a bike route map through town. Some considerations: preferred routes to key sites in town, avoiding rotary, crossing route 9, high traffic vs. low traffic, guidance on safest time of day to be on the road on a bike, points of interest. The group will talk with police chief and GIS department to put together draft of potential routes before meeting again with Jim Robbins and Chief Al Gordon.

Next meeting will be devoted to review a comprehensive town bike & pedestrian plan – November 19th at 7pm in the Forbes 3rd floor conference room

Meeting adjourned 8:08 pm