

Westborough BPAC Meeting Minutes

11/19/2014

Attendees: Bruce Tretter, Don Burn, Ed Beauchemin, Nancy Siegal, Ellen Gugel,
Chris Hughes, Glenn McLeod, Howard Drake, Bill Linnane

October minutes

Approved, with correction that bike path/route on State Hospital should parallel or connect to Hospital Road, not run along it.

BWALT

Easement Progress

Good, except for two individual homeowners (E. Main St. and Longmeadow)

Town Meeting

Do easements need to be approved by town meeting?

If so, can they be combined into a single article?

Penta/McCarthy situation

Still in flux. Easement cannot be finalized until the issue is settled. The easement is not in question, though.

Route through treatment plant

Don & Bruce met with the operators

It looks like a good route is available

Train station spur

New development along the route may cause problems

Needs monitoring

Need to start on phase 2 easements

Still negotiating route for Ferrari Pool

May also need to work with the Sikh Temple as well

East Main <-> Lyman St.

Possibly have DPW do work

Use crushed asphalt from road work as a base with crushed stone surface

Save on asphalt disposal cost

Bruce will meet with DPW to discuss options

Land is being sold, need to formalize easement soon

Lyman St. <-> Park St.

Go for grant for clearing, bridge, design, and permitting costs

More opportunity for sweat equity on this section

Rebuild the “pocket park” on the east side of Lyman St.

Moving Together Conference

Bruce met with Craig Della Pena

~~Bruce~~ Don took Craig on a drive along the trail route

Would like to bring Craig to talk to groups from all the towns along the route

Craig does easement negotiation – may help Southborough

Shrewsbury

Don met with the trails committee

There has been a large turnover on the committee

Push them to at least clear the trail route for pedestrian use

Trails conference

Ed attended

Picked up grant application

Need references from businesses, recreation groups, etc.

Need to show a need within the community

Education

Bill Linnane gave a presentation

Bill was going to send Bruce a copy of his presentation

League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community

We should work towards getting this for Westborough
Has been shown to improve real estate values

Training sessions

MassBike has LCIs available
Landry's also does training
Different focuses – commuting/road/etc.
Possibly coordinate with rec department
Organize a post-course ride, possibly a series

Work with EDC to promote biking

Also possibly Corridor 9
Those organizations might also help with easement contacts

Spring Festival May 2

Landry's to provide a bike check
Ellen will contact Breakstone, White & Gluck again for helmet donations
Bike rodeo
Police department no longer has the equipment they used in the past
Get support from National Honor Society at high school
Where to hold?
Behind (former) SteinMart
Waterman Design parking lot
Get announcement into electronic backpack at schools
Need to contact organizers (Bruce will handle)

Link to BPAC website

From notice on front page
westborough.com

Set up a table at Town Meeting with handouts

History walks downtown

Commuter Routes

Ellen has press release ready to go, will send out

Posters and/or handouts for bike shops, rec department, Forbes (Howard)

Next meeting December 9