

Ad Hoc Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes
Forbes Building, Room 24, November 27, 2012

Committee members present: Chris Hughes, Don Burn, Howard Drake, Tom Smith, Ellen Gugel, Bruce Tretter, Tim Dodd, Janet Anderson.

Meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Easements: Don spoke with Jim Robbins about pursuing easements regarding the trolley trail multi-use trail. Jim is supportive. Don will email Greg Franks about legal implications.

Bike Safety Education. Bruce reported that Westborough Schools do not have an active bike education program. Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts also doesn't provide training. Our committee could develop appropriate training and check in with schools and Brain Injury.

Donna Avery was not able to attend the meeting tonight but says WTV interested in producing 3 PSA's: bike, pedestrian and auto safety. Bruce showed a draft of a bike safety PowerPoint presentation. Committee made comments. Bruce will edit the presentation and email it to Chris Hughes for inclusion on our committee website when that website becomes active.

Road Safety: Committee talked about pedestrian crosswalk signage. Bruce to talk with Al Gordon, DPW & Jim Robbins regarding crosswalk marking possibilities and what state will allow.

Janet reported on MassDOT meeting she attended where she reinforced traffic safety concerns regarding Rt. 9 and Lyman intersection. MassDOT to address making the intersection more pedestrian and bike safe probably starting 2014.

CMRPC Survey – CMRPC is one of 13 regional planning commissions. Tim reported that CMRPC could do a biking/walking/commuting needs survey for Westborough. Data to be used to plan for local improvements and provide credibility regarding securing state grant funding. Don said that town funding to conduct a survey is available through an annual state assessment. Next step would be to talk with CMRPC members Trish Suttles (CMRPC planner) and Vera Kolis to determine scope of work (eg. Survey, trail construction).

Website Update: Chris to arrange for content inclusion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 15 @ 7pm

Tasks:

Don – discuss multi-use trail easements with Greg Franks and Jim Robbins

Bruce – MassDOT, Police, Town Planner – crosswalk markings, CMRPC involvement,
PowerPoint to Chris

Chris - check with Mark Stockman re: committee website

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.