

Westborough BPAC

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2014

Attendance: Ed Beauchemin, Chris Hughes, Glenn McLeod, Don Burn, Nancy Siegel, Bruce Tretter, Howard Drake

- Approved last month's minutes, with revisions
 - Glenn was missing from Attendees
 - Don was the driver for Craig Della Penna
- BWALT
 - Easement progress
 - Seven easements being drafted
 - Should cover Flanders↔Park, possibly with temporary detours
 - Meeting scheduled with town departments on Friday
 - DPW, Police, Fire
 - Do the bridges need to be drivable (for emergency vehicles)?
 - Bridges would cost more if they had to support vehicles
 - Need a method for keeping out cars
 - Bollards, islands, ...
 - Marlborough just replaced bollards with islands
 - 12-foot width with 3 foot dirt shoulders
 - Grants
 - DCR recreational trails grant for whole Park↔E. Main section
 - Clearing, pathway construction, bridges
 - Leave railings for later
- Education
 - MassBike police video
 - Add it to Westborough TV in the spring
 - Possibly a few times before then
 - Add to onDemand list
 - Bruce went to VHB talk by Bill Desantis
 - Regional planning, complete streets
 - Getting the most out of your bicycle/pedestrian investment
 - Bill offered to give the presentation locally

- Present to stakeholders locally
 - CMRPC, other towns, finance committee
 - Bruce working on setting it up
 - Discussion of Acton streets policy
 - Money in state budget for complete streets
- Spring Festival
 - Ellen contacted Breakstone, White & Gluck and they will donate helmets again this year
- Landry's has training they can provide
 - Commuting get started first
 - Courses for teens – what is the target?
 - Possibly video tape course for WTV
 - Schedule in April as preparation for bike month in May
 - Use grants from Rotary Club, Civic Club, and or Cultural Council to offset costs
 - Push local “celebrities” who bike
 - Add a notice of the scheduled class to the end of the police video on WTV
 - Group rides listed with Landry's for beginning riders
 - Current Landry's “beginner” rides are actually pretty fast
 - Are there liability issues for the town?
 - AMC has beginner group rides on Tuesday evenings in the summer, possibly list these as well
- Have a table at the March Town Meeting
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan
 - Work towards League of American Bicyclist Bicycle Friendly Community status as a goal
 - Safe Routes to Schools has checklist
 - These are goals to work towards for the future
 - Complete streets policy
 - Walkable, livable communities
 - Work towards BFC application in spring 2016
 - Would like have a template that can be used by other towns
 - Add timeframes to the goals
 - List the economic benefits
- Commuting Routes
 - Laminate the posters for durability
 - Provide handouts
 - Make “Westborough” more prominent on the poster
 - Ask the Recreation Committee if they will print copies of routes on demand (similar to what they do for hiking maps)

- Willows
 - Interested in new signage for the crosswalk to the shopping plaza
 - Possibly a flashing light like the one at CVS
 - We should request cost sharing between the town & The Willows
 - Go back to the town in the future to fund additional crosswalks
- Education (continued)
 - Create a 3-minute educational short video
 - Create a walk-through video of the BWALT for WTV
- Next meeting January 13 at 7PM