

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Town Offices

Tuesday February 26, 2019

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Doug Carson, Jonathan Dwyer, John Mendelson, Megan Kate Nelson, Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf

DISCUSSION

Administration

- Reviewed BPAC charge.
- Bob Wolf and Jonathan Dwyer appointed co-chairs. Megan Nelson volunteered to continue communications.
- Next meetings: 7pm on 3/21, 4/23, 5/23, 6/20, 7/18, no meeting in August

Known Infrastructure Projects

- Rte 2A and Rte 126 bridge projects with MassDOT are just beginning design.
 - Jonathan to discover the process and where we might be involved.
 - Although MassDOT has holistic, multi-modal design expertise, the committee is concerned that someone from BPAC needs to be involved from design through the painting of fog lines for the project to successfully serve pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Bedford Rd between Old Lexington and flower pot is under consideration for repaving, installing slanted granite curbing around island, and fixing broken pavement next to cobblestones marking crosswalks by DPW.
- School Building Committee has appointed a Site Plan Working Group that is looking into ways to improve bicycling and pedestrian safety within the existing scope of the project. Ginger and Ian are on this working group.

News from Roadside & Traffic Committee, Parks & Recreation, and Hanscom Area Towns Committee

- RTC desires an overview of good crosswalk design considerations and characteristics. JD and Bob to think up a solution, since Bob's research on the topic is now outdated.
- HATS is hosting a Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Roundtable on April 25 in Donaldson Room, with representatives from each of the four towns speaking on the topic. BPAC is invited. Potential topics that JD will introduce to HATS colleagues:
 - Schools and bicycle education
 - Crosswalk design and standards
 - Shoulder width policy, especially for fog line transitions at borders
 - Staffing – Lexington has staff dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian safety
 - Bike sharing programs
 - Road maintenance programs
 - Bike plan comparison, integration, linking the plans for greater ease of use
- PMC Kids Ride organizers Jena Salon and Dan Pereira contacted John to see if BPAC would be interested in participating. The committee is interested. John to talk with Dan about visions for our involvement, without our engagement in fund raising.

Items for Roadside & Traffic Committee, Parks & Recreation, and Hanscom Area Towns Committee

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Items for Department of Public Works

- Line repainting
 - Is there a policy for lane width or shoulder width?
 - Wider shoulder area needed at 5-way intersection, especially Bedford Rd.
- Roads where restriping Roads needing repaving:
 - Route 117 between RR crossing and Weston;
 - Lexington Rd
 - Tower Rd
 - Peirce Hill Rd
- Trees blocking visibility
 - Peirce Hill Rd at Lincoln Rd
 - Rte 126 between Cedar Rd and traffic light at Rte 117 (forces bicyclists into road)

Items for Planning Department

- Complete Streets will be accepting proposals soon. JD and Bob will get a hold of last year's proposal which could not be submitted for review and re-validation at our next meeting.

Education

- Consider a Lincoln Community Ride, using Wayland's Walden Ride as an example

Submitted by Jonathan Dwyer