

# BPAC Minutes

February 12th, 2026

Present: Bob Wolf, Ginger Reiner, John Mendelson , Margaret Olson

## **Speed Camera Enforcement in the Governor's FY27 Budget**

Permission for automatic enforcement with speed cameras is in the state budget proposal as it was last year. This issue has nothing to do with the state budget and no money is budgeted for it, but nonetheless this is how the Commonwealth of Massachusetts functions. It appears that the proposal in the budget is to permit a single camera for towns like Lincoln.

Bob Wolf will reach out to Ravi Simon. He will ask Ravi why the proposal limits us to one camera, and if that is the case can that camera cover both directions of traffic or just a single direction of traffic. We would also like to understand why this was not approved last year. In any case we strongly support automatic speed enforcement no matter how limited, and Bob will convey that to Ravi and our other state representatives and senators.

## **Update on the Conservation Departments Rt 117 ped/bike boardwalk project:**

The conservation department applied for a Mass Trails grant to build a boardwalk to connect the Mt Misery parking lot to the canoe landing. In order to qualify for this grant the town the application must include a letter from the town to the effect that the town would match 20% of the cost of the trail. Michelle Grzenda applied to CPC for this match but was turned town. The consensus of the group is that we should have attended the CPC meeting and provided better support to Michelle and helped the CPC understand why this is important and should be funded. Mass Trails grants are highly competitive and it's not clear we would have won the grant . This boardwalk was ahead of the Ricci trail on Conservation's priority list; the Ricci trail now moves, we think, to the no 1 spot.

## **Fitchburg Rail with Trail: meeting with Representative Gentile**

Ravi Simon facilitated a meeting with Bob Wolf, Kim Bodner, Ginger Reiner and Rep Gentile. They went through the following slides: [Fitchburg Rail With Trail](#). We also need to brief Rep Alice Peisch .

## **EBike Update**

Bob has prepared a short presentation on ebike classification. The upshot of this is that inexpensive class 3 bikes, and particularly hybrid class 2 / 3 bikes, can easily be converted to motorbikes by overriding the software limit on the throttle that limits the speed. These heavy and

fast bikes are dangerous, and they are killing people. There needs to be more regulation, but it needs to be rational regulation. Bob will continue meeting with state reps and working this issue.

**Update on 2026 priorities:** David Onigman will do halloween

**Other**

We had a brief discussion of some road issues.

Ginger reported out on the TC/BPAC/RTC re-org that is under discussion.