

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
via Zoom
February 11, 2021
7:30 P.M.

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

VISITORS: Jane Herlacher, Scott Yockel, David Loutzenheiser (Metropolitan Area Planning Council), Christian Jones, Michelle Barnes, Ken Bassett

I. Welcome

Bob started the meeting at 7:34

II. Discussion

- Advisory Shoulders pilot

Bob walked through objectives of pilot: goal is to make walking/biking more comfortable for peds and family cyclists. Good meeting with Farrar neighborhood, discussing Advisory Shoulders as well as a crosswalk across 126. General response was positive, a few were leery, don't want more bikes on our roads.

Margaret conducted an Old Sudbury Rd neighborhood meeting, had very positive response, both in person at meeting and over email.

Bob, Ginger and Margaret met and propose we start first with Farrar, simple implementation with being straight and flat, as soon as possible in 2021. Following that, after time to gauge response to Farrar, move perhaps in fall 2021 to Old Sudbury Rd. Reported that to RTC, RTC was receptive.

Ginger and Bob talked through some details with John Vancor last week.

Chris Bibbo applied for engineering funding from chapter 90 funds, John will start engineering design once those funds are approved.

Ken notes we are entering new set of treatments - should think about how this project lays the groundwork and sets standards for future treatments

- Conservation Commission, 2/18 meeting

Made connection with ConCom at RTC meeting in January, Bob and Ginger met with them last week to discuss bike access on trails, and will meet with both Conservation and LLCT in the next couple weeks to discuss further.

Ginger reviews the 6 important trail connections identified in the BPAC master plan draft:

Lincoln Center/MBTA to Baker Bridge Rd (Gropius House)

Lincoln Rd to Sandy Pond Rd through the school complex

Sandy Pond (north side surface improvement)

Bedford Ln to 2A (NPS land) (talk with NPS)
Goose Pond Rd to 126 @ Walden Pond (state land?)
Adams Woods from Old Concord Rd to Concord trails

David suggesting we consider surface improvements in addition to trail access

Committee agrees these are the 6 most important connections as we enter conversations with ConCom / LLCT

John, Ginger and David Loutzenheiser to represent BPAC in these discussions, Scott also interested in staying in the loop.

- Baker Bridge Road

John reviews progress thus far and sign possibilities
Shows photos from strawberry hill rd in concord which also has a very sharp corner and a lot of signage, including 10 MPH, dangerous curve, go slow
Also shows a sensor activated "bike ahead" flashing sign from out west.

Bob suggests we consider a roadside path just for the 1/4 of mile where reverse curve is.

David mentions speed humps. As an alternative to speed humps, can also use flex posts to create short one lane road.

Committee discusses proposing some signage for Baker Bridge - perhaps Dangerous Curve, or Cyclists single up.

John will get back to neighborhood that we are working on it. Committee will keep discussing.

Ken reminds us to get speed data on farrar pre and post installation. If they do show a speed reduction, perhaps will make them more palatable on Baker Bridge.

Jane reminds us that fire department dislikes speed humps

- Bike/Walk/Roll to School planning spring 2021

Ginger gives update. Committee of 6 met last week. Bike/Walk/Roll to School week will be May 3-7, coinciding with Mass DOT Safe Routes to School week.

Also want to hold bike fix-it event Apr 29/30 after school.

Megan suggests chalk for encouragement/fun

Bike/Walk/Roll to School Committee will meet again in March.

- Reviving BPAC general email list

Bob updates, BPAC plans to start communicating in this way again. First step is to clean up and add new email addresses to list.

III. Updates

- SeeClickFix update

Doug had followup exchange

They said it would be pretty straightforward to incorporate near-miss data.

Selects will want to know how other towns are using it, if it has been useful.

Doug has talked to Sudbury IT guy. They've been using it for 5 years, more efficiently routes problems to the appropriate place in town.

To get into FY 2023 budget, would have to be included in DPW budget by end of the summer.

Next step: Connect JD/Chris with Sudbury DPW

- Accident/near miss db

Tabling based on use difficulty as well as fact that see click fix may be able to do this for us.

- Nashoba Greenways / Landline

David updates committee on the effort. Many of Lincoln's adjacent neighbors have not come to the meetings or are not included as part of group. Bob will continue attending meetings on behalf of Lincoln.

- Codman Farm Complete Streets path project

Ginger updated the committee. RTC reviewed 90% design, path is going to go forward to be completed by June 2021.

- Approve minutes: Jan 14

Ginger moved, Bob seconded, approved unanimously.

- Next Meeting: Thursday March 11, 5:00pm

JD moved to adjourn, Megan seconded, adjourned at 9:26pm.

Submitted by Ginger Reiner.