



# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: **Thursday, March 15, 2018** TIME: **6:00 PM**

PLACE: **Town Offices** ADDRESS: **50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford MA 01824**

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Members Present: J. Kelsey, T. Gazda, R. Schneider, D. Antonelli, M. Carignan, R. Klinkhammer, K. Taylor, S. Pustell

Members Absent: R. Morse

Public Present: D. McNurland

Guests: Steve Jahnle

**6:00 Public Input**

- Official opening of BFRT Phase 2A is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018, but recent weather might be a factor. The Official Ribbon cutting is TBD but possibly May 18, 2018.
- FBFRT-There was a meeting last week with Cross Point regarding a connection/ corridor through the Cross Point parking lot towards the Gervais Auto Dealerships.
- FBFRT-it is possible that they would be able to contribute to the automation of the RRFB.

**6:05 Announcements**

- None

**6:10 Annual Discussion with DPW on 2018 Projects and Priorities**  
See attached

**7:10 Status of Plans for Carol Clevon Park/Status of Art Walk Restoration - (R. Morse, R. Schneider)**

- Organize interpretive signs and memorial signage.
- Art work is \$100 per panel to be restored.

**7:20 Update on Replacement Signs for the Rail Trail (T. Gazda)**

- FBFRT approved funding for replacement signs and the order is in.
- T. Gazda will replace the signs once the snow melts.

**7:25 Earth Day Cleanup at Cushing Place (R. Schneider)**

- April 21, 2018-BPAC will hold a clean-up at Cushing Place. This will be posted for volunteer help.

**7:30 Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Session February 15, 2018**

- K. Taylor made a motion to approve February 15, 2018, minutes as amended. Seconded by S. Pustell. Approved unanimously.

**7:35 Updates:**

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- B. Schneider has been clearing storm debris with a hand saw and noted one large tree down in the vicinity of High Street that will need attention.
- BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)
- No change since last month. Funds have not arrived yet for portable toilets. This should be coming soon.

**7:45 New Business:**

- New items
  - None

- Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions
- None

**8:00 Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn T. Gazda. Seconded by M. Carignan. Approved unanimously.

Next Regular Session: Thursday April 19, 2018 (6PM)

# Questions/ Responses- DPW March 2017

## BFRT Issues

- Heart Pond erosion issue.
  - o DPW will review these once conditions allow.
- Removal of marked and dangerous trees on BFRT. Any plans?
  - o DPW will assess the trail once they are able to get out on the trail.
- Trail section at 110 at Ball fields (sidewalk). Anything we can do to widen that area?
  - o DPW will look at the ball field side once again and survey this area.
  - o Fletcher street side is being looked at for possible renovations at that intersection.
- Cracked and rippled pavement on trail (root incursion). Becoming a real problem.
  - o DPW has carried over the balance of the \$10000 from Fiscal Year 18. This has been bumped to \$20,000 this year to try and address items.
- Railings
  - o DPW will look at this when time allows
- Cushing Place
  - o Removal of signage at the entrance will be reviewed by DPW
  - o Mark off right of way boundary behind Rudy's Fuel and Automotive towards Gingerale Plaza. DPW will look at this.
- RRFB automation- Signal contractor is visiting town next week. They will discuss this topic.
- Benches
  - o DPW knows where they will be going and will address this accordingly this season.

## General Issues

- McCarthy RRFB Old Westford Road to High School fields?
  - o On hold do to RRFB issues
- Parkhurst and North road 4<sup>th</sup> leg of crosswalk?
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- Bicycle symbols at traffic lights need to be painted again.
  - o DPW will review this
- Storm drains depressed on North Road at several points.
  - o DPW is aware of this
  - o BPAC will accumulate a list of the parallel grates
- Improvement of signage at crosswalk in front of McCarthy to condos.
- Crosswalk at old CVS on 110 is missing signage.
- Maintenance of crosswalk from Library to Friendly's.
  - o This is scheduled for this summer
- Any further consideration for a crosswalk from Alpine Lane across Chelmsford St. to Mobil/ Dunkin Donuts?
  - o Chelmsford Street Corridor concept plan has a design for this which includes sidewalks from Fletcher Street along Sunoco side and will have a crosswalk from Alpine to Mobil.
- Update on any plans to provide better bicycle accessibility throughout town (bike shares, etc.)
  - o DPW is meeting with DOT in the next few weeks. This will be discussed.
- Heart Pond Mobil
  - o Advanced Cross Walk Warning Sign is missing. DPW is indicating this is difficult to place due to logistics.
- Kate's Corner
  - o Signage is missing

- Mill Road and Murphy Field
  - o DPW will look at site distances. Concerns about landing a crosswalk on that narrow entrance to Murphy Fields.
- Steadman Street at Smith Street crosswalk signage?
- Signage further away for the crosswalk for Chelmsford Arms (current signage directly at crosswalk).

**DPW update to committee**

- Road and sidewalk plans for this year
  - o Cushing Place Brook Walk tie in-this project is up in the air. This project was supposed to be completed by June. DPW is trying to get a 1 year extension. If not approved, DPW will probably not complete this plan.
  - o Richardson Road sidewalk from Edgelawn to Princeton-this is being postponed due to water construction work in this area. This should be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> leg of cross walk at North and Parkhurst.
  - o Crosswalk at Friendly's-will tear out the rubber and improve this crosswalk
  - o Rebuilding some sidewalk on Billerica Road from Community Tree towards Harvard Health.
  - o Paving various stretches of roadways this summer (approximately 20 projects-big and small).
  - o Billerica/ Riverneck Road intersection project-this is working towards 100% design. Should be a public hearing coming up.
  - o Boston/ Concord Road intersection-hoping to get this moved up to 2020 rather than 2023.
  - o Chelmsford Street Project
    - From Golden Cove Road to Alpine Lane
  - o DOT Project at North Road off ramps for Route 495 will most likely be starting this spring.

BPAC will update DPW on current plans for a Carol Cleveland Park.

- o BPAC hopes to move forward with continuing to design a park in this area.