



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: **Thursday, March 21, 2019** *TIME:* **6:00 PM**
PLACE: **Town Offices** *ADDRESS:* **50 Billerica Road** *ROOM:* **200**

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: S. Pustell, R. Morse

Public Present: Dennis McNurland

Guests: S. Jahnle, Chelmsford DPW

Public Input

- D. McNurland relayed that Concord has decided to update wording on trail use signs in line with wording on Chelmsford trail use signs

Announcements

- T. Gazda stated that the portable toilets will be on the trail at Cushing Place and Pond Street on/ around April 1st. The BPAC would like to thank the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail for funding this

Annual Review Pedestrian and Road Projects with DPW-S. Jahnle

- SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

Update of Plans for Carol Clevon Park/ status of Art Walk Restorations/ Status of Grist Mill Project

- Landscaping at Grist Mill will not take place until later summer/ early fall. T. Gazda will place signage up at Cushing listing additional parking areas. T. Gazda was told to check with them in June for a status update
- Utilities placement are still undetermined at this location per DPW

Review of House Bill H3014-Electric Bikes, Establish BPAC Position on Trail Use

- BPAC feels that Class 1 bikes should be capped at 15 miles an hour or less

- BPAC will draft a letter to be forwarded to our State Representatives regarding the BPAC's position on E-bikes and trail use

Update Second Trail Kiosk Project

- Money has been authorized from FBFRT
- DPW will conduct site evaluation in the next few weeks
- Nashoba Tech is aware that funding is available and will be scheduling the build of this kiosk

Plans for Earth Day Trail Cleanup April 27, 2019

- Cushing Place will be addressed as well as behind Village Square to Fletcher Street
- K. Taylor will advertise this with Nashoba Tech for students needing volunteer hours

Additional Possible Bench Donation

- McKersie's donated a bench for Bovey Woodlot area. They know of other interested parties who would like to donate additional bench(es) along the trail. R. Morse will follow up on this.
- Bench donated by the Sullivan's arrived to DPW and will be installed by rear trail entrance to Red Wing Farm.
- Ron Clayton donated a bench and asked that this be placed near Sunny Meadows Farm. Location to be determined. Bench has been ordered and will be shipped shortly.

Discussion of Event Requests for BFRT

- Shimmy Mob event-BPAC has concerns about this being a "flash mob" type of event. Concerns rest on whether it is possible that other people will descend on this event last minute and the number of attendees spikes. BPAC has additional concerns of whether this event will impede trail users if they are conducting this event in the trail. BPAC will suggest that they hold the event on the Town Common and suggest the event contact the Town for approval at that venue. T. Gazda will respond to that email chain of the event registration with an explanation of the BPAC position
- India Association of Greater Boston-T. Gazda relayed that to the event contact that they need Town permission at Heart Pond. T. Gazda has not heard back from him regarding this
- Borrego Solar Systems-BPAC has concerns about children playing on the trail and is concerned about the safety of children playing with passing bicyclists. BPAC will relay that the area they are interested in is in good shape. Trash can be discarded at Heart Pond. We ask that the event pile brush along the trail but not obstructing the trail. K. Taylor will respond to this event

Approval of Meeting Minutes-Regular Session February 21, 2019

- T. Gazda made a motion to approve February 21, 2019 minutes as amended. Second by M. Carignan. Abstentions, K. Taylor

Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program

- B. Schneider reports that the trail is in need of some brush and tree removal due to winter. There are some hanging trees that need attention
- D. Antonelli has seen a dirt bike on the trail near Jap Enamel as recent as Tuesday 3/19/19 in the early afternoon. BPAC will investigate this further

BPAC Account Status

- Portable toilet funding \$1440.00 was received. This will cover the seasonal rental of toilets
- Funding for the kiosk \$1512.50 was received
- Current balance is \$4021.21
- Display case invoice was received \$360.99 and will be paid out next invoice

New Business:

New Items

- None

Dates and agenda for future meetings/ work sessions

- April 18, 2019

Adjournment

- K. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by D. Antonelli. Approved unanimously.

Next Regular Session: April 18, 2019 at 6:00PM.