



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: **Thursday, May 17, 2018** *TIME:* **6:00 PM**

PLACE: **Town Offices** *ADDRESS:* **50 Billerica Road** *ROOM:* **200**

RECEIVED 2018-06-15 9:47 AM

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD PATRICIA E. DZURIS TOWN CLERK

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

Members Absent: R. Klinkhammer, R. Morse

Public Present: D. McNurland, P. Wojtas

6:00 Public Input

D. McNurland relayed that Phase 2A, BFRT Ribbon Cutting at Nara Park on Friday, May 11, 2018, was well attended with about 300 attendees. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito spoke at the event and there was talk about extending the trail beyond Framingham, as the next portion of the Right of Way is in the process of being secured. Concord Greenway has been on the agenda in Lowell for the last 6 months and options are still being explored. J. Kelsey was contacted by Bay Circuit Trail and will reach back out to them.

6:05 Announcements

- Fence on the stairs at Ginger Ale Plaza to the trail was removed as of Wednesday, May 16, 2018.
- Winstanley project may be revised and moving forward. No concrete plans have been formalized as of this date, but it appears they may move this project forward soon.
- Bollard by Route 495 has not been repaired as of this meeting.

6:10 Status of Plans for Carol Cleven Park/Status of Art Walk Restoration - (R. Morse, R. Schneider)

- BPAC discussed potential plans for this area with interpretive displays, benches and possible tables.
- BPAC will continue forward with the planning and share this with the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.
- T. Gazda will follow up with S. Jahnle about getting the right of way marked behind Rudy's Fuel and Automotive.
- J. Kelsey will contact R. Morse about a possible work session to discuss moving forward with the park.

7:10 Status of Trail Cleanup Work by DPW (All)

- DPW has been working along the trail in various phases and the work has been detailed and thorough. BPAC appreciates this work on the part of DPW.
- Trail is in good shape in relation to what it was like after the storms this winter.
- BPAC members held a clean-up of the rail trail on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Cushing Place to Cross Point. There were numerous student volunteers from Nashoba Valley Technical High School that participated. The cleanup was a productive.
- BPAC will obtain pictures of the trash near Stop& Shop and try to speak with management of Stop& Shop about possibly cleaning this area up.

7:20 Status of Issues at BFRT Rt. 3 Tunnel/Cross Point Finger Lot – Graffiti, Trash (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda spoke with Lt. Spence regarding the Cross Point parking area at the trail terminus as this was littered with broken glass and garbage. Lt. Spence planned to go to Cross Point Management to discuss.
- Graffiti in the Cross Point tunnel was painted over recently, however new graffiti has appeared.

7:25 Bench location for Shaunn Lavoie Memorial (J. Kelsey)

- Scot Lavoie is flexible on the placement of this memorial bench. BPAC needs to locate a spot from Manahan to Dunkin Donuts. J. Kelsey will review this area for possible placement and report back to the committee.

7:30 Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Session April 19, 2018

K. Taylor made a motion to approve the April 19, 2018 Minutes as amended. Seconded by M. Carignan
Approved unanimously.

7:35 Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- Trail is in great shape due to DPW work as well as volunteer work along the trail.

BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)

- \$100 invoice has been paid out for portable toilets from United Site Services
- New balance \$2368.71 as of May 14, 2018

7:45 New Business:

- New items
- Glen Avenue intersection sign has graffiti on it.
- T. Gazda will speak with S. Jahnle about Glen Avenue intersection and visibility issues.
- S. Pustell mentioned possible inside advertising options for businesses maintaining their abutting section of the rail trail.
- M. Carignan noted that there is a trail sign on the ground at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts.
- J. Kelsey, T. Gazda and D. McNurland attended a meeting in Westford about trail event applications. The plan is to have the FBFRT continue to host the registration form for events and they will be adding more information about other places to stage events along the trail.
- D. McNurland mentioned that the Town of Westford has been contacted regarding removing the informational parking sign near the intersection of Routes 225 and 27 which directs trail users to park at Heart Pond.
- Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions

- June regular meeting will be changed to June 14, 2018, due to Summer Solstice ride.

8:00 Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn K. Taylor. Seconded by D. Antonelli. Approved unanimously.

Next Regular Session: Thursday June 14, 2018 (6PM)