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## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2019 TIME: 6:00 PM

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

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### Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: R. Morse, R. Klinkhammer

Public Present: Dennis McNurland

Guests: None

#### 6:00 Public Input

- Railroad crossing on School St has been redone
- Ribbon cutting of Phase 2C will be held 9/27/19 at 2:00pm
- Phase 2B went out to bid on 9/14/19 and bids will be opened on 1/14/2020
- City of Lowell has a new bicycle advisory committee. This is non formal body assisting with the Bicycle Master Plan for the City. This committee was looking for some involvement/advice from the BPAC.
- Art walk at Cushing Place-FBFRT was going to take an online vote for funding the restoration/ replacement of the art at Cushing Place but tabled that. A FBFRT mini board meeting will take place on 9/27/19 regarding this funding. Updates will be provided thereafter.

#### 6:05 Announcements

- T. Gazda will be writing an article for the FBFRT Fall Newsletter
- Maple Road existing cross walk will be relocated to the trail crossing
- Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons were put in on Old Westford Road behind McCarthy Middle School. There are plans to fund five additional beacons in the works.
- The Golden Cove Road Trail Crossing is being reviewed for automated signals.
- Trails repairs at Evans Way and behind Village Square should be commenced in the near future
- DPW is working on painting the crossings as contractors are too busy to schedule at this point
- T. Gazda will draft a note to the Town Manager acknowledging the work that DPW is doing on the trail in town
- Between Glen Avenue and Maple Road there are now 10 benches in place. BPAC suggests any additional future benches be placed in other areas in order to spread them out. Ideally this would be south of Maple Road where there are currently none.

#### 6:10 Update of Plans for Carol Cleven Park/Status of Grist Mill Project - (R. Morse, R. Schneider, T. Gazda)

- R. Morse is trying to get exact pricing on concrete pads as well as interpretive displays

#### 6:40 Update on Art Walk Restoration

- Discussed prior. See notes above
- 6:50 BFR Trail Count Results from September 7, 2019 - (T. Gazda)**
- Total count was 860. The start of the day was slow due to weather. Mid-morning the numbers increased
  - 48% bicyclists, 14% runners, 34% walkers
  - T. Gazda will send the trail count data to Central Transportation Planning Staff
- 7:00 Status of Letter on House Bill H 3014 – Electric Bike Use on Rail Trail, BPAC Position (J. Kelsey)**
- J. Kelsey will review and work on this item in the near future
- 7:15 Discussion of Possible Eagle Scout Projects on the BFR Trail**
- J. Kelsey has reached out to his contact at Eagle Scouts and they are researching any candidates that are in need of a project.
- 7:30 Approval of Meeting Minutes**
- Regular Session August 8, 2019- K. Taylor made a motion to approve August 8, 2019 minutes as amended. Seconded by R. Schneider. Approved unanimously.
- 7:35 Updates:**
- Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)
- Trail is in great shape and the town has been great with trimming the trail back with new brush cutter
  - There is some graffiti under Route 495
  - Sean Hayes completed marking the root incursions along the rail trail. The BPAC appreciates the effort to complete this project.
- BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)
- \$220.00 was paid out to United Site Services for July invoice
  - \$1846 was paid to M.E. O'Brien Company for the bench ordered on behalf of Cindy McLain who donated funds for this.
  - Account balance as of 9/19/19 is \$2834.22
- 7:40 New Business:**
- New items for future meetings
  - None
  - Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions
- 8:00 Adjournment**
- M. Carignan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by D. Antonelli. Approved unanimously.  
Next Regular Session: October 17, 2019 (6PM)