



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Town Offices

ADDRESS: 50 Billerica Road

ROOM: 200

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: T. Gazda, R. Klinkhammer, R. Schneider, M. Carignan, J. Kelsey, D. Antonelli,

Members Absent: S. Pustell, J. Haouchine

Public Present: D. McNurland, P. Wojtas

6:30 Public Input

- P. Wojtas reported that the Select Board will be having presentation and input session at the February 28th meeting regarding the 2022 Road and Sidewalk Project Plans.
- D. McNurland reported that he was unable to locate a copy of the Agreement between Lowell and Mass DOT authorizing the creation of the “Aerosol Art” project under the Lowell Connector bridges over the Lowell extension of the BFRT.

6:45 Announcements

- C. Spence has been promoted to Deputy Chief of the Chelmsford Police Department.
- T. Gazda reported that S. Jahnle is no longer with the Chelmsford DPW.
- T. Gazda received a quote from United Site Services of \$160.00 per “month” (four weeks) per unit for the portable toilets on the BFRT for 2022 for twice weekly servicing. Will check in with the Health Director for recommendation/concurrence regarding once vs twice weekly servicing and prepare a funding request to the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. There was committee sentiment toward going with twice weekly servicing.

7:00 Status of Bicycle Pump Replacement (J. Kelsey)

- J. Kelsey displayed a picture of the new pump aside of the old one. The new one is more slender but is just as heavy as the old one. It is the same pump that is also in use on the Concord section of the BFRT and that pump has held up well. The plan is to install it in April.

7:05 Further Discussion of Mass DOT Mural Policy

- The committee agreed to remove this item from future agendas and wait to see how the “Aerosol Art” project works out on the Lowell Extension of the BFRT.

7:10 Discuss Possible Eagle Scout Projects Along the BFRT

- J. Kelsey reported he received no leads from local Scout troops interested in Eagle Scout Projects.
- M. Carignan suggested that a “Rain Shelter” along the trail might be a suitable project. He said that these have been built along other trails.
- R. Schneider again mentioned putting bricks around the trail benches as a project as this would keep rocks and gravel from being kicked onto the trail surface.

7:20 Pond Street Kiosk Status (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda reported that the signs for the kiosk approved at the January meeting were ordered on January 21st and received on January 28th. Installation will happen as soon as conditions permit.
- T. Gazda reported that the bulletin board for the kiosk approved at the January meeting was ordered on January 26th and received on February 15th. Installation will happen as soon as conditions permit.

7:30 Cushing Place Kiosk

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7:40 Update on Brick Donation Program for Carol Cleven Park (S. Pustell)

- S. Pustell was unable to attend the meeting, no report

7:50 Review/Update Discussion Items List for March Meeting with DPW (T. Gazda)

- The committee reviewed the 2022 list from the January meeting.
- D. Antonelli suggested adding details regarding the 9 Acton Road location to include discussion of traffic calming due to excessive speeds on that section of the road. With the impending development of this site a crosswalk (possibly raised) to Bartlett Park would increase pedestrian safety. Also recommended was a No Left Turn sign at the end of Acton Road to discourage motorists from driving into oncoming traffic to access the gas station.
- T. Gazda reminded the committee that there will be a review of the Road Paving Assessment and Five Year Paving Plan at the February 28th Select Board Meeting. The plan is to take input on this presentation either in person or via Zoom.
- With the changes at DPW the committee discussed whether the annual BPAC meeting with DPW should still be held. Consensus was to wait until after the Select Board input session on February 28th to decide.

8:20 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Session on December 16, 2021

- A motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022 as presented was made by J Kelsey and seconded by M. Carignan. Motion carries. No abstentions.

8:25 Updates:

- Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)
 - R. Schneider reported that the trail still has many icy spots.
 - R. Schneider reported on a discussion with a member of the Railroad Historical Society who lamented on the lack of historical items and information along the BFRT in Chelmsford. It was noted that when Phase 1 was built, most historical artifacts such as signs, signal boxes, etc. were removed. There are a few old telegraph poles and some whistle stop signs still visible.
- BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)
 - The charge of \$129.00 for the Pond Street kiosk signs was paid from the BPAC account on February 11, 2022. This leaves \$72.00 of the donated Lockheed Martin funds which will be used up for part of the cost of the bulletin board for the kiosk. The invoice for the bulletin boards has not yet been received and processed. The current account balance is \$1,571.22.
- BPAC email report (R. Klinkhammer)
 - No emails sent to the account.

8:35 Future Meeting Dates and New Agenda Items

- Next Regular Session: March 17, 2022 (6:30 PM)
- New items for future meetings - Status of E-Bike Legislation (R. Schneider)
- Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions - None

8:45 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by J. Kelsey and seconded by D. Antonelli. Unanimous vote.

Next Regular Session: March 17, 2022 (6:30 PM)