



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: **Thursday, April 18, 2019** *TIME:* **6:00 PM**
PLACE: **Town Offices** *ADDRESS:* **50 Billerica Road** *ROOM:* **200**

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: J. Kelsey

Public Present: Dennis McNurland

Guests: Patricia Wojtas, Board of Selectman

Public Input

- On April 5, 2019, D. McNurland participated in the Health and Wellness Fair in Chelmsford and discussed the rail trail with various attendees.
- FBFRT Spring newsletter is out for review and should be to the printers in several weeks.
- Portable toilets in Acton are being placed along the trail either Friday or Monday. They are being billed to Pedal Power. FBFRT will be reimbursing them for these

Announcements

- K. Taylor was contacted today by Borrego Solar who requested to move their trail clean up event on Friday, April 19, 2019 to between Golden Cove and the baseball fields on Route 110. BPAC replied that this was acceptable and suggested they also continue towards The Center for the Arts if time/ resources allow.

Update of Plans for Carol Cleven Park/Status of Art Walk Restoration/Status of Grist Mill Project – (R. Morse, R. Schneider, T. Gazda)

- On April 11, 2019, T. Gazda met with the contractors for Grist Mill, Alex Katz and Tyler Ruger of Katz Companies as well as the developer, Jay Finnegan. The project is moving ahead quickly.
- T. Gazda will schedule a meeting with the Gristmill landscape company to discuss design and site plan for Cushing Place and BPAC needs to move promptly on this due to the project advancing quickly.
- T. Gazda questioned the process for accessing funding from the FBFRT to purchase amenities for the Carol Cleven Park. D. McNurland suggested a finalized design and price list be submitted to the FBFRT for review and approval. T. Gazda suggested that a picnic bench and two interpretive signs are slated for the park.
- R. Morse met with K. Harbison to discuss interpretive signs for park. R. Morse needs to obtain high quality photos to supply the printing company for the signage.
- R. Morse stated that there is an estimate of roughly \$12,000 for improvements along Cushing Place for landscaping, plantings etc.
- R. Schneider has been in touch with Marcus regarding the artwork at Cushing Place. Marcus will be in touch shortly with a quote for restoring the artwork.

- J. Finnegan asked about power washing the art walk wall and T. Gazda relayed that this wall is owned by Ginger Ale Plaza. J. Finnegan will contact Ginger Ale Plaza owners regarding this.
- J. Finnegan also inquired about staining the rail trail wooden fence. T. Gazda will relay that the committee is against staining the fence due to long term maintenance concerns. If rails are to be replaced it becomes a concern as to who will be in charge of staining/ maintaining the railing.
- J. Finnegan also inquired about planting Rosa Rugosa along the trail. This inquiry was passed along to the Conservation Commission for some input.
- D. McNurland suggested that the FBFRT is likely interested in funding for interpretive signs and possibly a picnic bench.

Update Second Trail Kiosk Project (T. Gazda)

- T. Gazda met with Robert Baratta at Nashoba Tech and they will be acquiring the materials and building the kiosk which should be completed by mid-May.

Plans for Earth Day Trail Cleanup April 27, 2019

- BPAC will conduct clean up at Cushing Place area to including raking the area and cleaning towards Central Square.
- Clean up will extend towards Cross Point and other areas that need attention depending on the number of volunteers.
- BPAC will make a decision by Thursday morning if weather is a factor for this clean up day.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Session March 21, 2019

- K. Taylor made a motion to approve the March 21, 2019 as amended. Seconded by M. Carignan. Approved. Abstentions R. Morse and S. Pustell.

Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program (B. Schneider)

- Trail is in good condition at this point. Root incursions are a continuing problem
- D. Antonelli reported that a piece of concrete fell from the overpass of Route 495 onto the trail today. T. Gazda will contact Mass DOT.

BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)

- Kiosk invoice for display case was charged against account for the amount of \$360.99
- Account balance \$3660.22

New Business:

- New items
- Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions

8:00 Adjournment

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

Next Regular Session: May 16, 2019 (6PM)