



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DATE: Thursday, June 20, 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, , D. Antonelli, S. Pustell, R. Klinkhammer

Absent: R. Morse, K. Taylor

Public Present: Dennis McNurland

Guests: none

Public Input

- The Friends are sponsoring a Summer Solstice Bike Ride on the BFRT. Meet at Pedal Power 6 pm Friday June 21st.
- Cindy McLain is organizing a Funding Request to the Friends for restoration of the art work at Cushing Place. It will include new boards as many are warped. However, work space is needed as Markus Leslie does not have space at his location for this activity. D. McNurland, Cindy and S. Galpin looked at the old Traveling Rhino building, where the owner offered use of the basement in that building but it is unsuitable. The owner of that building would like to see something done with the island opposite the building prior to repaving of his portion of the parking lot. T. Gazda will talk to S. Jahnle at DPW about this project.
- Keolis still dragging feet on completing the West Concord crossing of Phase 2C of the trail. This section of the trail is not officially yet open.
- Trail user expressed concern of no Handicap van accessible parking spot at Cross Point. However, Cross Point owns the lot and it is a courtesy to use it for the trail weekends and holidays. Cross Point meets all Accessibility requirements for its entire property. The Friends will not be involved in this as there is no interest in endangering the use of the lot for trail parking. BPAC will likewise refrain from the matter.
- Adaptive Bicycle day at Pedal power was successful at least 25 present

Announcements

- The New bench donated by Fred and Lucy Holmes was shipped to DPW on June 13th. D. Antonelli indicated the donors want an alternate location but the bench will be installed at the previously agreed spot south of Glen Avenue.
- The Police Department exploring with DPW about what can be done with the most dangerous trail crossings in an attempt to slow pedestrians and especially cyclists, before they cross streets.
- No solution yet to the bollard lock situation
- DPW did hire someone to cut the grass along the trail.

Update of Plans for Carol Cleven Park/Status of Grist Mill Project –

- T. Gazda indicated the developer still plans to do landscaping work in late August/early September. They expect to follow the plan as presented to and approved by the Planning Board. They recommended BPAC should mark up a site plan with where the Carol Cleven memorial and other amenities will be located and where and provide to the developer.

Status/Alternative Approach to Art Walk Restoration

- Dennis McNurland of the Friends and Cindy McLain will handle the funding and project to restore existing art work and perhaps create an additional piece of art for the wall. See notes under announcements.

Update Second Trail Kiosk Project

- T. Gazda shared that S. Jahnle of DPW indicated they are way behind on their small project list. DPW will work around the beach traffic in the parking lot over the summer to try to get the site work completed so that the kiosk can be installed in the autumn.

Review of House Bill H 3014 –Electric Bikes, Document BPAC Position on Use on Trail

- Document not yet completed. BPAC agreed Class 2 and 3 bikes should be banned from bike trails and shared use paths.
- S. Pustell to follow up with MassBike to find out the origin of the three classes of electric bikes identified in this bill.

Discussion of Possible Projects on the BRFT for the Boy Scouts

- Install Paver bricks under trail benches to replace the loose stone dust and crushed asphalt. There are currently eight benches either installed or waiting to be installed along the trail.
- Possible other projects:
 - Refurbishing the trail bollards. J. Kelsey to talk to the Boy Scout leaders to see if this is a viable Eagle Scout project.
 - Clean and repaint yellow paint on mile marker posts.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Session May 16, 2019

Motion to approve as amended made by M. Carignan. Seconded by R. Schneider

Motion carried with abstention by R. Klinkhammer

Updates:

Trail Maintenance Program

- R. Schneider removed an overhanging tree at Beaver Brook near the 4.8 mile marker. The trail was mowed though disappointment was expressed about only in one narrow pass on the edges.
- Cushing Place mowing June 29 so it looks good for the 4th of July parade.

BPAC Account Status

- The amount of \$110 was paid out to United Site services for portable toilets on the trail for May. New account balance is \$3,440.22. June invoices just received this week but not yet processed for payment will include charges for twice weekly servicing June through September.

New Business:

It was noted that several lights are out in the Rt. 3 tunnel on the trail as well as that there is graffiti in the tunnel and headwalls. T. Gazda indicated that Mass DOT was previously notified on both of these issues. D. Antonelli commented that he observed a person on a three wheel electric motorized cycle on the trail between Greenwood Road and Maple Road and that this cycle was moving at a very high speed. T. Gazda will notify Lt. Spence at the Police Department requesting that they be on the lookout for this person as such cycles are not allowed on the trail.

Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions

Next Regular Session: July 18, 2019 (6PM)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Gazda and seconded by D. Antonelli. Vote: Unanimous