



# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Thursday, July 21, 2022

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

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

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## 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, C. Clancy - DPW Director, D. Sperry – Clean Energy & Sustainability Committee

### 6:30 Election of Committee Officers for FY 2022

- T. Gazda nominated R. Klinkhammer for the position of Chair. No other nominations. Nomination seconded by M. Carignan. Unanimous Vote.
- T. Gazda nominated J. Kelsey for the position of Vice Chair. No other nominations. Nomination seconded by M. Carignan. Unanimous Vote.
- J. Kelsey nominated T. Gazda for the position of Secretary. No other nominations. Nomination seconded by D. Antonelli. Unanimous Vote.

### 6:45 Public Input

- D. McNurland reported that Sudbury approved several Town Meeting articles on easements, traffic control and other items to move forward the extension of the BFRT there. Aiming to go out to bid by the end of this July with possible construction to begin late fall or early spring 2023. Also, Framingham is moving forward with the effort to acquire the ROW from CSX for Phase 3 of the trail.
- D. Sperry reported that the Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee is working on the plan to get the town to Net Zero by 2050. Goal is to eliminate gas powered vehicles off the streets. They are interested in the Complete Streets program to promote more cycling and walking to get to destinations in town. They would like to see Electric Vehicle charging stations at various destinations in the town including recreational sites as well as having more high speed charging stations. (C. Clancy noted that the newest charging stations to be installed soon at the Chelmsford Forum will be high speed.)
- R. Klinkhammer suggested reviewing the 2021 BPAC Plan which cites suggested bike routes and the concerns about getting around Chelmsford due to geographic elevation issues making it difficult for some people to use bicycles or walk around town.

### 7:00 Announcements

- M. Carignan reported that he was informed by the Town Manager that bicycle racks will be installed at the Exercise/Fitness facility on Wilson Street as the location was intended to be an attraction to trail users.
- C. Clancy reported that the bicycle symbols will be applied at the traffic lights where the capability exists for bicycles to activate the signal via the coils in the pavement. This work needs to be done at night. BPAC suggested testing these coils to ensure they work.
- T. Gazda reminded Committee members that taking the State Ethics test is required every 2 years.
- M. Carignan noted that there are some of the tactile pads at crosswalks that are falling apart and need replacement. C. Clancy noted that she does not like the plastic pads and prefers the cast iron ones.

### **7:15 Discuss scheduling of a cleanup of Village Square section of the trail**

- The committee decided to revisit this issue of addressing the moss and dirt creeping onto the trail surface in this section at the September meeting with the target of doing the cleanup in October.
- R. Schneider reported that he is working with a group of people from the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Lowell who have volunteered to do a major cleanup of the trail from the CCA to the Rt. 3 Tunnel at Cross Point. The issue of disposing of trash came up and C. Clancy suggested coordinating that with S. Callahan of the Parks Department.

### **7:30 Discussion of Fall Trail Count Date**

- The committee agreed that that count date would be Saturday September 10th with a rain date Saturday September 17th.

### **7:10 BFRT Logo Sign at Brickhouse Trail Entrance**

- T. Gazda reported that he is awaiting an Estimate from Express Signs for the sign based on the previously discussed version of the Center Village District signage.

### **7:00 Additional BFRT Logo Signs for Trail / Street Crossings**

- T. Gazda reported that the cost estimate for 18" x 24" logo signs is \$75.00 each plus shipping ( The 12" x 18" signs for the Pond Street kiosk were \$34.50 each).
- T. Gazda suggested that committee members look at various locations at street crossings where these signs might be installed.
- J. Kelsey suggested that the larger signs would be best at the Chelmsford Street crossing near Fletcher Street. M. Carignan agreed because of the disconnect where that section of the trail does not directly cross the street but follows the sidewalks via the pedestrian signal..

### **7:30 Update on Brick Donation Program for Carol Cleven Park (S. Pustell)**

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

### **7:45 Review Status of E-Bike Legislation**

- R. Schneider reported he finally got a reply from the office of Tami Gouveia regarding his inquiry some time ago about the status of the House E-bike legislation. The response was that no decision has been made.
- T. Gazda reported that he was contacted by Lisa Marrone, Chelmsford Business Development Director, regarding the use of E-bikes on the trail. She was informed that under current state law they are not allowed on the trail but that there is pending legislation in the Ways and Means Committees of both the Senate and House to classify E-bikes and guide their use on streets, sidewalks and recreational paths.
- T. Gazda reported that he looked at the Senate list of bills in the current legislative session and no hearings were scheduled on the E-Bike bill.

### **8:00 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Session on June 16, 2022**

- A motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 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 he submitted a Click Fix for a tree down on the trail near the Katrina Road pump station, that it was removed within 24 hours and the area left completely clean. He commended DPW for all of their work maintaining the trail.
  - The soil erosion at the trail edge near Heart Pond was noted for repairs by DPW.
  - T. Gazda noted that the pavement at the Lakeside Avenue and Westview Avenue trail crossings is deteriorating leaving raw edges to the red stamped trail pavement that could damage bicycle tires and wheels, particularly on road bicycles. C. Clancy to have DPW investigate..
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- BPAC Account Status (T. Gazda)
  - Invoices paid to United Site Services 6/17/22 in the amount of \$280.00.
  - Current BPAC Account Balance is \$3,042.50, same as last month.
  - Latest invoices for July and August for Pond Street just arrived, none yet for Cushing Place.
- BPAC email report (R. Klinkhammer)
  - One email regarding an inquiry from someone exploring possible future membership on BPAC.

**8:35 Future Meeting Dates and New Agenda Items**

- Next Regular Session: September 15, 2022 (6:30 PM)
- New items for future meetings -
- Dates and agenda for future meetings/work sessions: No August regular meeting.

**8:45 Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made by J. Kelsey and seconded by R. Schneider. Unanimous vote.

**Next Regular Session: September 15, 2022 (6:30 PM)**