

## **DRAFT Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting April 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, Margot Fleischman, AnnaLisa Madison, Dan Silverman, Shawn Hanegan

Guest Attendees: Casey Ackerman

- Reviewed meeting minutes and amended minutes. Minutes accepted unanimously.

### Selectman Update

- North Road sidewalk paving and construction is complete. The Harvard drive light and crosswalk needs to be installed.
  - Need to check with Roy about the Pine Hill to North Road connection.
- Next sidewalk project to do is Concord Road.
- We are not sure whether or not we can use Community Preservation funds for new sidewalk construction.
- Bike/Ped Master plan is available and looking for feedback. They will take feedback online and will be collating it before the May 13 meeting.
  - There are several locations where they are proposing roundabouts
  - There is a suggestion for a side path on Railroad Avenue.
  - Hoping there will be some guidance on phasing of the projects
- Discussed the history of the Railroad Avenue Minuteman Extension project.
- The Great Road Master Plan is intertwined with the Bike/Ped Master Plan.
- Utility lines have to be buried to really get some of the Great Road Master Plan project under way – in particular from Blake Block to Northside Convenience.
- Signalizing Mudge Way - Healthy Bedford Safe Routes to School will fund this work. It will make the path amenable to bike/ped. Need to find an ADA compliant design for the stretch of the path behind the stadium.
- Renzo's RFP status is not known, we need to ask Roy next month.

### Proposal for Expanded Local Transit

- Using a model similar to the M3 TMA for handling corporate commuter busses to Alewife. Another similar community based local transit is Crosstown Connect.
- Need 56K to run a seed project and pilot for one school year. Some communities have chosen to exit their participation in the MBTA.
- Consider establishing TMA funds when businesses plan expansions.

- One thing we could explore is looking at buying into the TMA to access the TMA shuttles during the day.
- The TAC raised a motion to send a letter of support to explore the concept of expanded local transit. The TAC members unanimously voted to send the letter of support to the Selectmen.

#### Planning board meeting

- 54 Loomis street expansion is underway. Some of the bike path parking was actually for 54 Loomis.
- A Cottage development has come up near South Road. 180 Eight cottage style houses at 875K.
- Bedford Marketplace, Building B has started. Café Louigi's wants to be further up the Great Road.
- Transportation Demand Management – change some of the industrial zones for the fall. We need to get the industries to join a TMA to offset traffic.

#### Traffic Calming Discussion

- Emailed the Traffic Calming document to Chief Bongiorno.

#### Misc Items

- Will be getting trail crossing markers on the crosswalks.
- Billerica is paving their path to the Bedford line.

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Soraya Stevens