

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting May 22, 2014

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

Attending Committee Members were: Bob Dorer, Shawn Hanegan, Soraya Stevens, AnnaLisa Madison, Margot Fleishman, and Dan Silverman

- Reviewed meeting minutes and amended minutes. Amended minutes passed unanimously.

- Bob received an impromptu invitation to a meeting regarding the Hill Rd, Orchard Rd, and Sunset neighborhoods. Police met with concerned citizens who were concerned because people were using these neighborhoods to change direction after turning right from Walsh Ave. There is cut-through traffic generated after Millipore no longer needed the traffic detail to direct traffic exiting Walsh Ave. Police suggested use of traffic calming measures such as having residents park in the street. Residents suggested having speed bumps in the neighborhood. Bob pointed out that there are concerns about plowing so the town does not advocate using them. Police want to collect more data to measure how many cars and how fast they are driving through the neighborhood. Residents suggested 20mph speed limits, but they were told that street speeds are 35mph. Police have the action to go to the DPW. Bob will take the action to follow up with the police chief to recommend looking into whether or not we can put in speed limits.

- Soraya gave an update from Bicycle advisory committee meeting.
 - BBAC supported the successful Walk/Bike to school day.
 - There was discussion of a possible land acquisition of the Railroad Ave Parcel for a bike path extension.
 - Wednesday 5/28 the Lexington DPW is having a presentation on Minuteman Navigational Aids. Adrian will be attending. BBAC members should consider attending.
 - Minuteman Bike Path repaving to happen this summer.
 - 285 Great Road owner declined to give rights to the requested 1 foot of space to make a bike lane.
 - BBAC is organizing a Town Leaders Bike Ride sometime in June.
 - BBAC took the action to update the town GIS maps to indicate more access roads/trails that connect to existing trails.
 - Property owner Tim White has been receptive to discussions for building a 10ft path from Bridge St to Wiggins Ave to allow bicyclists to avoid riding through parking lots.
 - A new mountain biking path is in place behind Zwickers
 - Bedford Bicycle Helmet day is being held June 7th from 10-noon.

- MAPC has a bike rack program. If there are places in town where we need bike racks, contact Terry.
- Update from DPW projects.
 - Minuteman Trail Repaving will be done this summer. S
 - School Way plans are being finalized by VHD by end of May, expecting July construction.
 - North Rd sidewalk will begin work this summer.
 - Soraya asked about connecting the sidewalk to the one on Pine Hill since there are only a few additional easements required to connect the proposed North Road sidewalk to the existing Pine Hill sidewalk.
 - The Concord road project is moving forward slowly. DPW discussed concerns and construction methods with NE Nurseries.
 - Hemlock Lane will be done next year.
 - Carlisle Road will need more discussion and thought over the next six months.
- Remote participation discussion
 - TAC Member feelings are mixed – having remote discussions might have value if you are physically unable to attend. Margot reminded the TAC that a quorum must be of physically present people.
- Great Road Improvement Plan discussion update
 - Bob asked if they produced a final deliverable. Margot indicated that The Great Road Master Plan is the final deliverable. The work that remains is to phase the work. The biggest factors in phasing are cost and issues of burying utilities. The idea is that if we can bury the utility lines, then we can move elements of the streetscape. Beyond that, the group hasn't developed a rigorous phased plan. The most likely "first" candidates are the Bacon Rd and Great Road because the utilities are already buried in that area, and then Mudge Way because of the safe routes to school.
 - South Road/Springs Rd intersection predates the Great Road Master Plan. They will be repainting and re-doing the lights soon.
- Selectmen and Planning Board updates:
 - Margot indicated that Rick Reed will meet with Lori Whittner about the taxi-program.
- Misc items:
 - Bob indicated that Healthy Bedford has a unified master plan combining the Pedestrian and Bicycle master plan. Bob recommended asking for someone who has both Pedestrian and

Bicycle experience to ensure that both groups' interests are considered.

- AnnaLisa Madison agreed to take over as TAC Chair for Bob.

Next meeting will be at June 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Soraya Stevens