



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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December 5, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee Members: Ethan Davis (chair), Sheila Fay, Janet Jameson, Maria Saiz (via FaceTime), Andy Compagna, Sam Scoppettone, Gideon Schreiber (Town Planning); Simone Bailey (guest)

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November 2016 meeting were approved.
- 2. Discussion of Arsenal Connector (Boylston Properties presentation):** Presentation didn't have much for bike connection, bike path narrow (8ft - dual track); renderings not true to plans. Discussion of path through Harvard Vanguard -- private property. Feedback overall: want more priority of path, and buffer for path. In future: Athena Health & Boylston want to improve Arsenal Park, hope to get Park Connector path through park done.
- 3. Little Greenough:** latest update: Boylston won't seek access to road in master plan. Raises issue of bike connectivity with new Greenough & Charles River paths. Herb Nolan (Solomon Fund) had suggest we put together plan to present to DCR for that section as mitigation; could we still do something with Solomon for the road? Invite Herb to meeting to discuss. acr
- 4. Political activity:** letter from Town Counsel discussed. Take away: put things on agenda to comply with Open Meeting laws, don't put in new business. Use new business only to bring up items to put on next agenda.
- 5. Complete Streets Plan:** going to Town Council in soon, to be approved. Town will have to prioritize needs. MADOT requires minimal input on that list, have to give ranked priority list for 5 years. Unclear if priorities can shift. Discussion re: can we be involved in priorities? Sam to talk to Matt Shuman and invite him to meeting.
- 6. Mt Auburn/Fresh Pond stakeholders meeting recap:** short recap of public meeting giving updates on possible redesign of Mt Auburn St east of town line, as well as Fresh Pond/Gerrys Landing Rd intersections.
Plans and meeting minutes: www.mass.gov/dcr/mt-auburn-corridor-study.
Comments/Suggestions:
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments
- 7. Lower Town Speed Limit discussion:** State law recently changed to allow towns to lower speed limits. Current Town limit: 30mph unless otherwise posted. Idea of Citizen's Petition to get town to lower: suggested instead talk to Town Councillor and get action going that way.
- 8. New Business:**
 - a. Nick can't make meetings for future due to job shift.
 - b. Traffic states: Andy to discuss use of imaging software. Also we ask for more data on the stats, ie who given citations?
 - c. 12/8/16: Arsenal Street Corridor Public Meeting led by MassDOT. 6-8pm at the Middle School

Next Meeting: due to holiday on regular meeting date of January 2, postpone to January 9. Location in Town Hall to be determined.