

**TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PATH PROJECT COMMITTEE**

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**MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2023
Remote Meeting (held via Zoom)**

CPCC Members: Holly Muson, Bonnie Friedman, Mark Kagan, Ellen Sugarman, Steve Engler, Eric Perkins (School Committee Liaison), Phil Lawrence

Members of Public: Aleida Leza, Jarrod Gentzel

Town: Glenn Clancy (Left 9:00 AM)

Called to order 8:01 AM

1. Phase 2 Update: Glenn Clancy provided an update, stating that the consultant hired by Pare is finishing up work to provide survey data for the impact of the path on the Belmont Village and DPW yard property, as requested by the Select Board. Pare will likely submit a report of their finding in the next week.
2. Phase 1 Update:
 - a. 75% Design and Right-of-Way Glenn Clancy provided an update. After the 25% Design Public Hearing in March, Nitsch is expecting to finish 75% design by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024). Glenn Clancy is getting ready to begin right-of-way at that point by applying for a Mass Trails grant to pay for the easement acquisitions, as well as CPC funding because MassTrails requires a municipal match. Glenn expects Town Meeting to vote on the CPC request in the spring. If approved, it should put us on target to finish the right-of-way work in time to begin construction in 2026.
 - b. Conversations with Abutters: Ellen Sugarman and Glenn Clancy discussed how to publicize work along the rail tracks to abutters who are concerned about noise. The MBTA could not commit to any advance notification due to the volume of work carried out by the MBTA.
 - c. 25% Design Public Hearing: The committee asked Glenn whether Nitsch can share their presentation in advance of March 7, and whether John Michalak could join the last meeting before the hearing. Committee also discussed how to involve other committees that want to provide design input after the hearing.
3. Preparation for 25% Design Hearing: The Committee discussed outreach efforts to increase awareness about the 25% Design Public Hearing, including distributing flyers as well as contacting our liaison representatives.

4. Minutes: Committee reviewed minutes for January 10th and January 24th. Approved unanimously as amended.
5. Open to Do Items: "To Do" items remaining open from previous meetings: None
6. Future Agenda Items: Carried over from previous minutes
 - a. Waverley Square Business Owner Interviews to get their feedback on the Path, because Phase 2 of the Path will go through the Square.
7. Next meetings:
 - a. Wednesday, February 21st, 2024.
8. Adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Minutes Submitted by Mark Kagan