

**Town of Belmont
Community Path Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
Town Hall, Conference Room 4
Meeting Notes

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The Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeffrey Roth.

Attendance: Constituting a quorum, 7 of 10 members were present.

Present: Jeffrey Roth (Chairperson), John Dieckmann (Co-Chairperson), Brian Burke Sr., Cosmo Caterino, Price Armstrong, Charlie Conroy, and Amy DeDeo.

Absent: Joe Noone, Tomi Olson, and Kevin Sullivan.

Town Official: Jeffrey Wheeler, Planning Coordinator.

Approval of the January 23, 2013 minutes: All voted in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Agenda for Public Forum

The date was finalized for Wednesday February 27, 2013.

Brian Burke identified the need to have a sign in sheet with e-mail addresses.

Other items identified by the group needed for the forum included maps for people to sketch potential paths on, paper, pens, reference documents (i.e., previous reports and studies), index cards for comments, and paper copies of the questionnaire.

There will be three tables for the East Belmont segment (Brighton Street to the Center), three tables for the West Belmont segment (Belmont Center to Waltham) and one table for additional areas and tributary trails.

There was a suggestion to inform the High School that there was a possible fundraising opportunity (i.e., they could organize a bake sale for the event).

Charlie Conroy will write announcements for the newspaper about the Public Forum and about the Belmont Community Path Questionnaire. A notice for the forum will be on the Town website tomorrow.

J. Roth will do the welcome and introduction at the public forum. Brian Burke suggested having the next meeting at the High School cafeteria (the location of the public forum) so we could familiarize ourselves with the facility.

Amy publicized the questionnaire on several e-mail forums (bicycle groups, family groups, Belmont parent groups, Mass Central Rail Trail listserv, etc.). There have been 336 replies so far and 46% are currently from Belmont.

Jeff Roth will send out the questionnaire to the Town Meeting members. Jeffrey Wheeler will get copies of the questionnaire to the Town Clerk's office and the Library. Price will format the questionnaire into a paper format and get it to J. Wheeler.

Other Items

Amy will provide comments on the evaluation criteria. The February 20th meeting will be moved to February 13th, and J. Roth will send out an e-mail message to notify everyone of this change.

Brian Burke presented on reports of real estate values near bike paths, and Cosmo Caterino reported on a paper about how increased bike usage for short trips can impact air pollution levels and health care costs. J. Roth will send all of these reports out to the whole Committee.

There will be a site visit of Channing road on Sunday Feb. 10 at 3pm.

Amy will contact the Belmont Media Center about reporting on the Committee's work.

J.Roth will also e-mail the chairpersons of all the Town committees to inform them about the questionnaire.

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