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Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2015 2015 NOV 18 AM 11:07

Meeting called to order 6:03 P.M.

Present Chairman Russell Leino and Committee Members Vincent Stanton, Michael Cicalese and Brian Burke; Town Planner Jeffrey Wheeler; School Committee Members Susan Burgess and Laurie Graham; and Residents Anna Sheehan and Maura Mallowney.

Chairman opened discussion to citizen attendees. Anna Sheehan voiced her concern about the Clark Lane proposed route due to the potential use of private land. Maura Mallowney provided an update on the Belmont Housing Authority's recent board meeting, where the BHA's opposition to that route was apparently discussed.

Minutes of June 10, 2015 meeting were adopted with minor changes after motion by Burke and 2nd by Stanton.

Updates

- As a result of discussion of prior meetings, Chairman Leino reached out to the Belmont Housing Authority, School Committee, Historical District Commission and Conservation Commission. Leino received responses from all but Conservation Commission. Jeffrey Wheeler offered to provide a staff person to reach out to on Conservation Commission.
- Leino and Stanton attended a School Committee meeting and gave an update on CPIAC's work and plans.
- Burke suggested reaching out to the Lions Club to set up a meeting, as the platform proposal and the street alternative flank both sides of the club.
- Leino provided an update on the site walk from Waverly to Belmont Center, which was very helpful. Leino noted that Selectman Paolillo had attended the walk and provided good feedback. The route walk for the next segment will be Saturday the 27th at 8:00 am from Belmont Center to Brighton St.
- The Committee briefly discussed a recent article in the Belmont Citizen-Herald regarding the proposed path.

School Committee members gave the Committee an overview of some of their concerns related to the proposed community path, focused primarily on how the proposed path could potentially impact the anticipated construction or renovation of BHS, as well as security concerns. The School Committee members also discussed the procedural challenges associated with potentially ceding school land to the town (or otherwise) for a community path. They also outlined the process for approval and financing of constructing or renovating BHS. Laurie Graham, who had generously agreed to be a liaison between the Committee and the School Committee, asked to be included on Committee distributions.

Identification of Challenges continued, focusing on the south side of the commuter rail tracks between Belmont Center and the eastern edge of the BHS property.

Next Meetings are announced for July 8, 2015 at 8:00 am and July 26, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Burke and 2nd by Stanton 8:03