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## Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 22 July 2015

Location: Belmont Town Hall

1) Meeting called to order at @ 1800

Attending: CPIAC members R. Leino, Chair; B. Burke; M. Cicalese, Secretary. Sami Baghdady, Town Selectman; Jeff Wheeler, Town Community Development Office; Laurie Graham, School Committee; Susanne Johannet, Food Collaborative; David Webster, Conservation Committee; Joseph Cornish, Vice-Chair Historic Dist Comm; residents of Clark Lane and Channing Road.

- 2) 1805, Meeting called to order and Minutes from 24 June and 8 July were reviewed and accepted. Mr Leino welcomed all guests, and explained the CPIAC charter to include route choices; challenges; and objective criteria to visiting committee membership and residents.
- 3) 1810, Mr. David Webster from the Conservation Committee followed with a brief discussion of their charter which includes a regulatory role for the state and town, for projects that border or may impact wetlands and rivers; spoke of boundaries and constraints and filing "a request for resource area delineation" to begin the process of identifying possible project impact to a particular protected environment.
- 4) 1845, Mr. Joseph Cornish continued, with a brief description of the Historic District Comm charter and a similar process to file project intent early on via the "certificate of appropriateness" to discuss intended work or area modification.
- 5) 1850, Ms. Susanne Johannet then carried on by stating the Belmont Food Collaborative goal is to propose healthy food and activity choices for all residents of Belmont, and that the general concept of a community path is supported by the Food Collaborative as it is in alignment with their goals.
- 6) 1855, Mr. Cosmo Caterino, Channing Road, revisited if Concord Ave was still a choice from Town Center heading eastward, or was it deleted as a possible route choice. A healthy discussion ensued whether it was or was not included. The discussion was finalized by Selectman Baghdady, that it should be included and that CPIAC, in general, should engage the Selectmen with briefings and proceedings, "sooner rather than later" for all path options to expedite the process and ensure all information is being considered.
- 7) 1915, Mr. Caterino also suggested that CPIAC contact Northeastern University and request an intern who is studying path design. In reply it was stated that Mr. Burke of CPIAC has already done so via Harvard's School of Design.

- 8) 1920, Mr. Russ Leino gave committee updates; the most notable being that \$100K of State funding acquired by Senator W. Brownsberger and Rep. D. Rodgers was vetoed by Gov. Baker. He also stated that the Belmont Housing Authority has requested CPIAC attend their next meeting on 27 July. Continuing, MR. Leino is contacting the Belmont Lighting Division, Lion's Club and Mr. French.
- 9) 1925, Mr. Leino suggests that CPIAC needs to focus and complete the committee's path "challenges and choke points" spread sheet; and that equal attention needs to be applied to prioritize that criteria in an objective fashion.
- 10) 1940, the August meetings were scheduled:
  - a) Wednesday, 12 July, 1800, Town Hall
  - b) Wednesday, 26 August, 1800 Town Hall
- 11) Meeting adjourned, @ 1945