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COMMUNITY PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 pm - Wednesday, November 20, 2013 -- Town Hall

**MEETING NOTES**

The Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting was called to order at approximately 7:14 pm by Chairman Jeffrey Roth.

Attendance

CPAC Members present at the meeting included Jeffrey Roth, John Dieckmann, Joseph Noone, Vincent Stanton, Brian Burke, Sr., Amy DeDeo, and Charlie Conroy. Also present were Jeffrey Wheeler (Office of Community Development). Joseph Noone served as revolving secretary.

Community members in attendance at the meeting were:

Jessica Kirkus (Arlington), Deb Lockett (Dalton Road), Philip Lawrence (Agassiz Avenue), Tim King (Channing Road), Bruce MacKinnon (Channing Road), Jane Flavin MacKinnon (Channing Road), Alex Corbett (Alexander Avenue), Roger Colton (Warsick Road), Merrie Watters (Channing Road), Cindy Taylor (Channing Road), Valerie Manolis (Channing Road), Demetrios Manolis (Channing Road), Patricia Crowley (Channing Road), Holly Muson (Temple Street), Roger Wrubel (Slade Street), Kim Slack (Taylor Road), Linda Corrigan (Channing Road), Judith Ananian Sarno (Waverley Terrace).

Approval of Minutes from prior Meeting

Prior meeting minutes were not available to review and approve.

Review of Summary of Questionnaire

The Committee discussed the survey results and what percentage of respondents were used in the results. Ms. Tenney's work was done on a volunteer basis and took much longer than anticipated. Mr. Roth provided for review and approval the cataloged comments from the questionnaire. Suggestions were made to explain the documents in an introductory paragraph, which included the number of questionnaires used in the compilation of the summary documents. The committee voted and approved the documents titled the "Open-ended Results of 2013 Questionnaire" and Sample Expert from the 2013 Belmont Community Path Questionnaire's Open Ended Responses." The motion to adopt the documents as modified was made by Mr. Stanton and seconded by Mr. Burke. The motion was unanimous. The committee discussed what to do with all the comments on the questionnaire. It was agreed that the comments would be made available on the website. Mr. Conroy agreed to review comments to determine if sensitive information should be redacted.

### Review of 2013 Rails-with-Trails Report

Mr. Roth provided the Committee a summary of the September 2013 "American Rails with Trails" report which was prepared and submitted by Mr. Armstrong. The report examines the characteristics of existing Rails-With-Trails. Mr. Roth provided an overview of report.

### Evaluation of Potential Routes

The Committee continued its review of potential route options. Mr. Conroy presented a potential route option on Channing Road. The Committee and those in attendance asked questions of the proposal made by Mr. Conroy. This route would utilize Channing Road with a raised paved area and make Channing Road one way street from Cross Street until Waterhouse Road. Parking would be prohibited on the south side of the street. The route would commence at Cross Street and continue to Brighton Street via an easement on the property at the end of the Channing Road. The route made the assumption that there would be an easement across the French/Mahoney or the Church property at the end of Channing Road. Mr. Conroy indicated that he was unsure if such an easement exists or whether or not such access would be feasible.

Option 4-K was presented by Mr. Burke. This accessory route involved the area around Clay Pit Pond and the High School. 4-K would involve a rotary in front of the high school gym so that the portion of the high school road out to Concord Ave. would be closed to vehicular traffic. The idea for the accessory route is to avoid crossing a street and to create a greenway.

### Forum for Potential Abutters

A date for the abutters' forum was selected to occur on January 22, 2014. This date was selected due to the unavailability of the Selectmen on other potential dates. The Committee discussed and reviewed who would receive notice from the town of the forum and how notice would be distributed to the abutters. Additional abutters were added to the list prepared by Mr. Wheeler's office.

### Upcoming Calendar

The CPAC calendar was discussed.

Mr. Roth distributed a letter to the Committee in support of the Belmont Community Path from North Cambridge residents.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 following a duly made motion by Mr. Stanton.