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Town of Belmont
Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Beech Street Center, Belmont Senior Center, Belmont, MA

Meeting Notes

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

Attendance: Constituting a quorum, 10 of 11 members were present.

Present: Jeffrey Roth (Chairman), John Dieckmann (Co-Chairman), Brian Burke Sr., Cosmo Caterino, Price Armstrong, Charlie Conroy, Amy DeDeo, Tomi Olson, Vincent Stanton, and Kevin Sullivan. Cosmo Caterino served as revolving secretary.

Visitors in attendance included: Judith Ananian Sarno (Waverley Terrace), Yvette Tenney (Bow Road), Phillip Lawrence (Agassiz Avenue), Cindy Taylor (Channing Road), and Sheila Flewelling (Sycamore Street).

The meeting was called to order at 1915 hrs.

Approval of January 8, 2014 Minutes: All voted in favor of approving the minutes as amended per the changes discussed.

Planning of Potential Abutters Public Forum

The agenda for the meeting focused on implementation of the Potential Abutters Forum to be held on January 22, 2014 at the Beech Street Center (Belmont Senior Center) on Beech Street in Belmont.

The agenda for the forum was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to set up stations for public viewing both before and after the formal agenda for the forum. The stations would be as follows:

Station 1: General maps and information

Station 2: East Belmont and Channing Road

Station 3: West Belmont and Waverley

Station 4: Refreshments table

Jeff Roth will get access for the room at 1800 hrs. so people can arrive early and review the material at the stations.

Jeff Roth went through a dry run of the CPAC presentation for the forum which lasted 20 minutes. The presentation and agenda were edited and finalized.

There was also a discussion at the meeting of a letter received by the CPAC from the School Department and School Committee regarding potential path route segments on School properties. The School Department and School Committee expressed concerns about use of School land for a Community Path. The partially off-road route utilizing the sports fields and fire lane behind the High School was therefore replaced with a route using a longer stretch of Concord Ave. The impact on future school renovation plans was listed as a concern; when those plans become more defined this route could possibly be revisited.