

Town of Belmont  
COMMUNITY PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
Town Hall, Conference Room 4

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**MEETING NOTES**

The Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Roth.

Chairman Roth welcomed Belmont Boy Scout Troop 304, who were attending as part of their program for the Communications Badge.

CPAC Members present at the meeting included Jeffrey Roth, John Dieckmann, Joe Noone, Brian Burke, Charlie Conroy, Cosmo Caterino, Amy DeDeo, and Kevin Sullivan, constituting a quorum, with 8 of 10 members present. Absent were members Price Armstrong and Tomi Olsen. Also present was Jeffrey Wheeler, Planning Coordinator. Vincent Stanton, Hank Tiedemann, David Chase and Stephanie Woerner also attended as visitors.

Note taker for this meeting

John Dieckmann volunteered to take notes.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were not ready for approval.

Committee Administrative Matters

There was a brief discussion of the overall schedule for completing our current charge. Charlie Conroy advocated finishing by June, others felt it was more important that a thorough study be completed.

The next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Report on Questionnaire Status

Amy DeDeo reported that 1,140 responses had been received so far. The survey notice is now going out with electric bills. The survey will be left open until the end of April. She will start to analyze data at the end of March.

### Community Preservation Act Information

Dieckmann led a brief discussion of the Community Preservation Act and how it is being implemented in Belmont.

### Conservation Commission

We will discuss two topics with the Commission, the Claypit Pond path study and where the need for ConCom approval of path design comes into play.

### Discussion of Concord Avenue Route Options

Jeff Roth reported on discussion with Cara Siederman, Cambridge traffic coordinator, about the cycle tracks on Concord Avenue between Fresh Pond Rotary and Blanchard Road. Basic message – not as easy or inexpensive as it looks. Storm drains need to be moved toward street, if cycle track narrows the street (so storm drain stays in the street). NACTO bikeway guide section for cycle tracks – street crossing and driveway crossing guidelines, no parking within 30 feet of either side of each such crossing, causing loss of parking spaces on Concord Ave. As applied to the Belmont section of Concord Avenue, a cycle track would narrow Concord Avenue, and cause traffic back-ups, for example at Underwood Street, would eliminate extra space that Eastbound cars use now to get around cars waiting to turn into the High School.

### Discuss feedback from Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Public Forum

Kevin Sullivan suggested breaking comments received into East and West and addressing comments

Charlie Conroy's observations – relative to placement next to live rail, 6 said no, 6 said OK; vast majority don't want the route to be on road.

### Discussion of Evaluation Criteria

There was a consensus that the evaluation criteria as developed to date were too complex, with redundancies.

Jeff Roth and Charlie volunteered to work on simplifying the criteria.

### Cataloging Route Options through Belmont

All members to define all potential route alternatives that they are aware of, for discussion at next meeting

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Action Items

- Draft minutes for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting (Amy DeDeo)
- Define route alternatives – mark map, one sentence description (all)
- Simplify evaluation criteria (Jeff and Charlie)
- Provide copies of the Belmont Center modification plan (Jeff Wheeler)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM