

**Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee**

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Meeting Minutes, 22 June 2016

Location: Belmont Town Hall

Attending: CPIAC members R. Leino, Chair; M. Cicalese, Vice-Chair; V. Stanton; B. Burke; H. Investor; the Pare Team: John Shevlin, Principal; Amy Archer, Project Manager; Kathleen Ogden Fasser, Landscape Architect; Mr. Sami Baghdadi, Belmont Selectman; Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler, Belmont Town Planning Office; residents Cosmo and Paul, Channing Road.

- 1) 7:05 pm, meeting called to order; followed by CPIAC – PARE Team introductions.
- 2) 7:15 pm, Mr. Leino continued with an overview of previous path studies dating back to 1997, by various organizations and committees, including MAPC and CPAC. A brief mention was made of the MBTA's need to re-build Waverley Station to ADA standards, now grandfathered for another 10 years due to a recent waiver, whereas Belmont Center Station has not been cited as no repair work has triggered the ADA activation.
- 3) 7:30 pm, the recent plan to build a walking trail around Clay Pit Pond was mentioned as a newly approved effort. PARE then requested a list of other path choices that were reviewed but not forwarded for feasibility selection. Options along Channing Rd and Concord Ave were stated, somewhat because the eastern portion of the path had considerable more attention early on by other committees than the western portion.
- 4) 7:40 pm, the importance of the underpass at Alexander Avenue was briefly discussed, as was a letter authored by the Belmont Selectmen to the MBTA and DOT; as was CPIAC's communication advising the Belmont School Committee, Housing Authority and Historic Committee of CPIAC's community path tasking.
- 5) 7:45 pm, PARE asked what public outreach had been conducted engaging the town. Surveys embedded in the electric bill were noted, as were CPAC meetings, and public forums, such as those held at the Beech Street Senior Center.
- 6) 8:00 pm, Mr. Wheeler commenced a path segment review using video slides. All five segments were reviewed, with highlights and challenges of each section briefly discussed in some depth, with some focus on "narrowing widths" along the MBTA active rails. The following MBTA guidelines were stated: 25 feet from rail to path requires a fence, whereas, 15 feet from rail to path requires a wall.
- 7) 9:15 Next CPIAC/PARE meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 July 2016, at 8: am.
- 8) 9:25 pm, meeting adjourned.