

**Town of Belmont**  
**COMMUNITY PATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**  
**Homer Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Art Gallery Room**

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**MEETING NOTES**

The Community Path Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting was called to order at approximately 7:12 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Roth.

CPAC Members present at the meeting were Jeffrey Roth, John Dieckmann, Brian Burke, Cosmo Caterino, Amy DeDeo, Price Armstrong, Tomi Olson, Vince Stanton, Kevin Sullivan, and Charlie Conroy, constituting a quorum with 10 of 11 members present. Absent was member Joe Noone. Merrie Waters, Ann Tierney, Maureen Bruce, Corrine Brown (all from Channing Road), Kim Slack (Taylor Road), Yvette Tenney (Bow Road), Patricia Auterio, Read Norton (both from Clark Street), Yanshuag Liu, Annette Goodro, Edward Mallowney, and Maura Mallowney (all from Clark Lane) also attended as visitors.

Note taker for this meeting

John Dieckmann was assigned to take notes for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes for the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Brian Burke moved to approve the minutes with minor edits, and Price Armstrong seconded. The Committee voted to approve the minutes by a vote of 9 – 0 (1 of the members arrived after this vote).

News items

Jeff Roth mentioned that this week is Bay State Bike Week, and that the Mass Commuter Challenge for bike-to-work-week is ongoing.

Clark Lane Discussion

Several residents of Clark Lane attended the meeting and voiced their concerns regarding the route option using Clark Lane to connect Pearson road to Clark Street.

One objection that was voiced was the concern about it being less convenient to back out of driveways if bicycle traffic had to be accounted for.

The Clark Lane residents as a group stated their belief that all of Clark Lane is a private way, and is not open for the public to pass through.

Several of the Clark Lane residents claimed not to have been informed of this route alternative. Chairman Roth pointed out that all of the CPAC meetings since August, 2012 have open and formally noticed, that two public forums had been held, and that a potential abutter's survey had been mailed to all Clark Lane residents. Several of the

Clark Lane residents denied having received this survey. The mailing address list for all addresses to which the potential abutter's survey was mailed was checked and distributed to the audience. It was confirmed that the CPAC surveys had been mailed to all Clark Lane addresses and absentee property owners.

Charlie Conroy volunteered to write a paragraph outlining the issues discussed for inclusion into the final report.

#### Final Report Discussion

Jeff Roth described changes to the report that had been made in the previous two weeks:

- A discussion was added on the current arrangements for crossing through Belmont Center, given the busy roadways and large number of circuitous crosswalks, and how use of the Railroad bridge would circumvent these problems.
- A discussion was added of the rubric (evaluation criteria for route assessments).
- A brief discussion was included of Safe Routes to School in relationship to the current Community Path route alternatives.
- Grammatical edits that John Dieckmann had suggested for section 5 were included.

Cosmo Caterino handed out a list of incidents from 2005 to 2009 in Arlington. These were in a 1000-foot wide swath paralleling the Minuteman Bikeway but not necessarily on the Bikeway itself. This is because the Arlington Police Department does not specifically track crime incidents on the Minuteman Bikeway.

On the topic of crime in the final report, the CPAC also came to a consensus about deleting a comment on page 23 about police motives.

It was motioned by Brian Burke, and seconded by Kevin Sullivan, to submit the report as currently modified to the Board of Selectman, with a 5:00 PM deadline Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for any further edits, with further discussion of report at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Approved by vote 10 – 0 in favor.

#### Other Agenda Items

The meeting was running long, and discussion of the proposed Public Forum #3 slated for June 18th was deferred. The CPAC calendar and action item review were also tabled until the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29p.