Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2010
Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in the Devotion School library at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, Chris Dippel, Mitch Heineman, Don McNamara, John Dempsey
Transportation Administrator: Todd Kirrane
Transportation Board Representative: Bill Schwartz
Police Department Representative: Kevin Sullivan
Public: Rebecca Albrecht
Handouts: Agenda, Minutes from 2/1/10, Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees, Acknowledgement of Receipt

The minutes from the February 1, 2010, meeting were approved.

Conflict of Interest Law - Kirrane
• Mr. Kirrane reported that the Law was updated in December 2009 to include all appointed and elected positions.
• Mr. Kirrane passed out a summary of the Law and an Acknowledgement of Receipt.
• Mr. Kirrane explained that he would release an on-line quiz on March 2, 2010, that must be completed by April 1, 2010. The quiz documents that one understands the law.

Report from Transportation Administrator – Kirrane
• $25,000 has been inserted in the CIP for bicycle accommodations outside of planned improvements.
• Most of that will go first to the Carlton Street improvements.
• Pavement management (markings) has been level-funded for fourteen years.
• An extra $50,000 for pavement markings has been put in the budget recommendation.

• Ms. Snow and Mr. Furth met with Mr. Jeff Levine in Planning Department. Sympathy but no funding.
• Discussion of new state funding and problems associated with it: $2 million for sixty communities, must go through the entire MassHighway design process, Town has to pay for design work upfront, reduction in emissions and congestion must be documented. Summary: the grants are not good for small projects.

• The Parks Division will be rebuilding the Muddy River Path and may appreciate input from BAC.

Bicycle Accidents – Sullivan
• Officer Sullivan is about 85% done with his report.
• Officer Sullivan will e-mail his report by the end of the week to Ms. Snow who will send it to the BAC.

Bike Parade – Dempsey – Sunday, May 23, 2010
• Mr. Dempsey is still looking for funding.
• We need someone to concentrate on publicity.
• Mr. Dempsey will meet with Ms. Gallentine on 3/5/10.

Open Space Plan Report – Dippel
• Mr. Dippel is the BAC representative on the 2010 Open Space Plan committee.
• The planning process includes an inventory of public and private open (undeveloped) space and opportunities for public comment on current and future use and is done every five years.
• It is a requirement for the Town to receive certain types of state grants.
• 2005 Plan is available on-line (http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=713&Itemid=1043#osp2005) and has lots of bicycling-related objectives, some of which have been met. He will send a list to Ms. Snow.
• There will be three public meetings in March: North Brookline, South Brookline, Town Hall.
• Plan will be submitted to Board of Selectmen in September 2010.
Plan will be submitted to Commonwealth in March 2011.
Mr. Dippel suggested the BAC submit the Bicycle Greenways Plan as its input.
Mr. Dipple will submit the Bicycle Greenways Plan.

Repaving Projects
None of the 2010 projects seem to need bicycle improvements.
Discussion of South Street “bulb outs.” Will they be designed properly to be safe for bicyclists?

Other business
Ms. Snow made a plea for proactive action.
Suggestion to focus on the Greenway Plan.

Next Meeting
We will meet on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

Adjournment:
We adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Assignments:
Mr. Kirrane will put the Open Meeting Law Quiz on-line.
All members must take the quiz by April 1, 2010.
Mr. Dempsey will contact Ms. Gallentine about the Muddy River Path rehabilitation.
Officer Sullivan will complete report about 2008-2009 bike accidents.
Ms. Snow will distribute the report when she gets it from Officer Sullivan.
Mr. Dempsey will meet with Ms. Gallentine on 3/5/10 about the bike parade.
Mr. Dempsey will submit copy to Mr. Vitolo for distribution to the bike parade e-mail list.
Mr. Vitolo and Mr. McNamara will activate the updated Bike Parade web site.
Mr. Dempsey will try to get funding for the Bike Parade.