

## **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](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.

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- Mr. Dippel suggested the BAC submit the Bicycle Greenways Plan as its input.
- Mr. Dippel 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.