

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2016, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

Committee Members Present: Bryan Decker, John Dempsey, Nathaniel Fink, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, Sgt. Brian Sutherland

Absent: Don McNamara

Others Present: Frank Caro, John Harris

Minutes of the May 2016 meeting were approved as circulated

1. Walk your bike signs in Brookline

Mr. Caro noted that one hundred signs are going up around commercial areas in Brookline to “walk your bike.” He said that more would be ordered to complete the postings. The Committee listed comments and suggestions related to the size, clarity, and location of the signs to send to Mr. Kirrane.

2. Bike Parade (May 22, 2016) review:

John Dempsey noted that the parade was a success despite unsettled weather; many people expressed their enthusiasm for the event. He thanked the many Town departments bike shops and other organizations and volunteers who contributed—particularly parade marshals. The committee thanked Mr. Dempsey for his tireless work in organizing and spearheading this event over the last several months (and years). One problem was inadequate DPW barricades, particularly for the Cottage Farm ride.

3. Bicycle Friendly Community Designation

The League of American Bicyclists (LAB) has designated Brookline a Bicycle Friendly Community at the bronze level. Discussion of the LAB report card centered on areas to work on to achieve the silver level:

- Improve bike infrastructure on arterials and major collectors,
- Public education/outreach
- Appropriate enforcement for motor vehicles and bicyclists
- Employ a staff bicycle coordinator
- Encourage bike friendly business applications

4. Green Routes Plan: Projects/Revisions for 2017

- Maintenance of existing infrastructure
- Possible technical assistance grant for Hammond St between Route 9 and the Horace James Rotary.

5. Beacon Street westbound, Marion St to Westbourne Terrace

- Noted overwhelming vote of support for funding in Town Meeting and criteria for success.
- In an email, Mr. Kirrane outlined the following steps for implementation
 - Mass DOT approval (required, already applied for)
 - July 1 starts funding year

- Obtain quote for pavement markings
- Order bollards, build concrete barrier at beginning, actual marking and installing bollards
- Install new signs
- Change traffic signal timing at Lancaster Terrace

6. Gateway East

- Selectmen approved 25% design
- DOT to hold hearing in fall
- Move to 75% design, then to 100% by 2017
- Out for bid in 2017
- Construction to begin 2018

7. BU Theater Project at Essex and Dummer

- BAC concerned about sight line for southbound cyclists at intersection
- Recommend to Transportation Board that a cycle track be installed to provide additional safety for cyclists and to connect to the approved cycle track on Commonwealth Ave

8. Babcock Street bicycle accommodations

Rebuilding delayed to 2017; the Transportation Board eliminated all possibilities except options 4 (traffic calming plus sharrows) and 6 (change in traffic patterns to allow cycle track)

9. Traffic Demand Management for Developers

Kara Brewton presented draft plan to the Transportation Board. The next step is a combined workshop of various groups (bike, ped, transit) to work on an integrated point system, which would then go before full Transportation Board and Selectmen.

10. Other business:

- John Dempsey will represent cyclists on a “driver retirement” program at the Senior Center
- Email from a cyclist suggested sharrows on Independence Drive and Grove Street

Next meeting: WENESDAY, July 6, 2016

2016 meeting dates, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month, except as noted): January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, WEDNESDAY May 4, June 6, WEDNESDAY July 6, August 1, WEDNESDAY September 7, October 3, November 7, December 5