

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

Members present: Bryan Decker, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo

Members absent: John Dempsey, Sgt. Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

Public: John Bowman, John Harris, David Kroop, Selectman Ben Franco, JK Pollard, Susan Regan

Washington St (Route 9 Cycle Track), River Road to Brookline Ave (Warrant Articles)

-River Road study committee has proposed a plan in conjunction with the owner of this parcel of land, who is planning a hotel (warrant article 7); this includes plans for a 10 ft sidewalk, with a reduction to 8 ft for short stretch in order to make space for a cycle track; both cycle track and sidewalk require an easement from property owner (hotel developer), which is agreed to.

-Hugh Mattison has proposed an alternative plan, recommending an 18 ft sidewalk, with 10 ft planting area (warrant article 8)

-view was presented that negotiations with hotel owner have yielded the smallest footprint and lowest number of parking spaces possible that would make the investment viable

-discussion among committee members reached consensus that maintaining plan for a cycle track along this dangerous, linking stretch is crucial to the overall goal of bike network priorities; a memo to that effect will be sent to the Transportation Board, including recommending no action by the Board (and recommendation to the Selectmen) for no action on article 8

Open BAC positions, and process for selecting new members

-currently 7 slots on committee, with 3 openings because of terms ending and one member moving away

-will retain this as number for now and discuss possible expansion in future; one key consideration is being able to have a quorum of members at each meeting

- will interview 5 candidates in October or at next scheduled meeting on November 2

Hammond St/Livable Streets Training

- opportunity to be mentored in running a community outreach meeting around bike infrastructure changes which impact the community—will schedule a night for this, potentially 6:30-9:30

Beacon Street Outbound

-theoretically ready to go in 2 weeks with painting lines and stanchion installment; however, still need to find out about the re-timing of the light at Lancaster, so that these can be implemented simultaneously; will express concern to Transportation Department and Transportation Board that failure to have this occur simultaneously could jeopardize success of project; also concerned about police enforcement so that new bike lane does not become a double parking lane

Green Routes Plan: revisions for 2017

John Bowman, friend of committee, made some suggestions for feasible specific alterations along Harvard street; such specifics for further improvements on other major streets should be considered

Announcement: Opportunity to table at Friends of Hall's Pond (Amory park) on Sunday Oct 30, 11-2

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, November 2