

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2017, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Cynthia Snow

Members Present: John Bowman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Cynthia Snow, Kristin Schreiber, Tommy Vitolo, Jonathan Kapust (*ex officio*, Transportation Board), Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

Members Absent: Bryan Decker

Public: John Dempsey, Gustaaf Driessen, David-Marc Goldstein, John Harris, David Pantelone, Susan Regan

Introductions: Everyone was introduced and Jonathan Kapust was welcomed as the *ex officio* representative of the Transportation Board

May 2017 Minutes were approved as circulated.

Bike Parade 2017: John Dempsey reported that the tenth annual bike parade was a success with about 350+ bicycles participating, plus some riding the short, quiet Cottage Farm route. Gus Driessen, John Bowman and Brookline Police lead the parade. This was the last bike parade for Ronald McNeil, who is retiring from the Police Department. He has been instrumental and supportive of the success of the bike parade from its start. Mr. Dempsey thanked all volunteers who helped make the parade and the activities at Amory Fields a wonderful experience. The committee heartily thanked him for his ten years of leadership and hard work in making the parade a great success.

Babcock Street: The Selectmen voted to re-open consideration of changes to Babcock Street to further research and consider concerns raised by the Fire Department, as reported in the *Brookline TAB* (May 16, 2017).

Hammond Street Community Workshop will be held Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Beaver Country Day School at Hammond St. and Woodland Road. Before the official start of the workshop at 7 PM, there will be an optional walk along Hammond Street and availability of background information from 6 PM. The workshop will be submitted for posting and mail notification later in the week.

Hubway Locations: There was an extended discussion of proposed locations for existing and eventual new Hubway locations developed by Mr. Meunier and others. Mr. Meunier will revise the list which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Open with Care stickers for parking meters: Todd Kirrane asked for BAC input on stickers for parking meters to alert drivers to use care in opening car doors. The committee likes the idea of the stickers and will ask if there is room on the bottom of the stickers, to add: "Learn the 'Dutch reach' at Brookline Bikes.org ." The "Dutch reach" asks drivers to open their doors with their right hand, requiring them to turn around and look for on-coming bicycle (and vehicle) traffic before opening the door. The maneuver has recently received publicity in the *Boston Globe* and on NPR and has been added as a suggestion to MA drivers' education.

Green Routes Plan Revisions will be a chief topic of discussion in July and August.

Follow-Up/Open Items:

- Bicycle lane violation report—final pilot report has been circulated by Mr. Bowman and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bike corral has been re-installed in Coolidge Corner; plans need to be developed for counting bicycles using it.
- Gateway East letter was revised to include clarification on the floating bus stop westbound near Pearl and to ask that a Hubway location be identified and included in the design. The revised letter will be submitted to the Transportation Board.

Meeting dates: Ms. Snow will circulate a list of other dates—usually the first Monday or when that falls on a holiday, possibly the first Tuesday of the month

BAC term expirations: Terms for Mr. Decker and Ms. Snow expire this summer; both will ask the Transportation Board for reappointment

Crash Report: Sgt Sutherland provided the latest report of crashes involving bicycles, one of which was a “dooring.”

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 7 PM, Town Hall Room 408;

2017 meeting dates, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month unless noted): WEDNESDAY, January 4; February 6; March 6; April 3; WEDNESDAY, May 3; June 5; WEDNESDAY, July 5; August 7; future dates to be confirmed.