

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2018, Town Hall Room 408, 7:00 PM

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

BAC members present: John Bowman, Jacob Meunier, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Mark Lowenstein, Tommy Vitolo, Brian Sutherland (police liaison).

Members absent: Bryan Decker

Town Representatives: Andrew Pappastergion, Kevin Johnson, Todd Kirrane

Public: Jules Milner-Brage, Hayley Greenberg, Andy Moulton, Leonard Wholey, Tony Lechugan, Wendy Friedman

1. **April 2018 meeting minutes**-approved as circulated

2. **Bike facility maintenance and snow removal**

- DPW Commissioner Andrew Pappastergion and Kevin Johnson described snow removal duties for DPW staff
 - Snow removal 450K/year budget for snow and ice; usually over budget, reserve fund transfer made by Select Board
 - 88 miles of roads, 254 lane miles, 900 intersection, 58 miles sidewalk, 75 private ways, public parking lots, 15 public walks, 28 public facilities (schools etc), 1600 fire hydrants, park paths
 - Rental plows used when heavier snow, if above 6 inches
 - Bike racks will take a lower priority, after clearing main roads, sidewalks, public buildings
- Separated cycle tracks in future will be cleared by sidewalk plows
- *Brookonline* reporting is the best way to report problems with snow
- Suggestions about clearing snow from around bike racks:
 - May be useful to identify higher priority bike racks
 - Key bike racks could be marked with flags as are fire hydrants
 - Clear a few bike racks (lower traffic in winter) but in key areas
 - Clear rack that is easiest to clear in any given area
- Repainting bike markings
 - Budget for all painting on the road increased to \$90,000 a few years ago
 - Trying to use thermal plastic, premark or resin, which lasts longer (5 years), because paint only lasts 6 mo-1 year
 - These are included in the capital project costs when work is done initially
 - Override, if passed, includes additional money for road maintenance

3. **Beacon Street Bridle Path** (presented by Jules Milner-Brage)

- Key concept is to trade the current bike lane on Beacon St for space in the median, shifting other road uses toward the outer curbs and shrinking each of the travel lanes slightly, to make a 10-foot-wide 2-way bike lane adjacent to the T, in the location of the original Olmsted bridle path.
- This would not require changing most of the current elements of the street (bulb outs, rumble strips, lamp posts, signals, etc)
- A few trial sections could be implemented as a test

4. **Bike Parade follow-up** (Mark Lowenstein)

- Bryan Decker, Geri Belle and Mark suggest honorig John Dempsey on Brookline Day
- Might add a bike ride between the 1k and 5k runs on Brookline Day (Police department already involved and will have shut down the roads)
- Will talk to and coordinate with Recreation Department

Updates from BAC members

5. Transportation Board meeting--Blue Bike station for St. Mary's area will be on Beacon, not Carlton, just west of St. Mary's; still hope to have year-round location on wide private sidewalk

6. Police Report (Sgt. Brian Sutherland): 2 vehicle-bike accidents, neither serious

7. Traffic Demand Management Proposal (Kara Brewton): There will be a single charge per square foot for new developments that will go into general fund for TDM improvements (item closed)

8. Climate week activities (Kristin S)--full report next time due to limited time

BAC table gathered input about problem spots, common routes, and interest in bike education for kids

Other Items

9. Bike Parking

- 2 Sewall Ave, The Makery, would like a bike corral at their location
- Coolidge Corner Merchant association had requested 7-8 locations (Kara Brewton)
- Will include these possible locations in the next Green Routes Plan

2018 meeting dates: (First Monday unless otherwise noted): Jun 4 (canceled), Jul 9 (2nd Monday), Aug 6, Sep 4 (Tuesday), Oct 1, Nov 7 (Wednesday), Dec 3