

## **Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Town Hall 310, 7 PM

**Members present:** John Bowman, Jacob Meunier, Kristen Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Ashley Haire (Transportation Board liaison), Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

**Members absent:** Mark Lowenstein, Tommy Vitolo

**Others present:** Daniel Martelly, Devon Kelley, Jules Milner-Brage, Len Wholey, Frank Poelwijk, Mitch Heinemann

1. Minutes of the September 2018 were approved as circulated.
2. Jules Milner-Brage gave an update on Warrant Article 23 regarding restoration of the Beacon Street “bridle path.” The Select Board accepted the following changed language for the final resolution. He continues to seek approvals from the relevant boards and committees.

“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Town Meeting requests the Town Administrator to assign staff as he deems appropriate to develop a Scope of Services necessary to engage a consultant to study the concept and feasibility of establishing a protected path suitable for two-way, non-motorized travel along the full length of the Beacon Street median in Brookline, estimate the costs associated with such a study, and identify potential funding sources. Said Scope would be prepared in sufficient time to be considered for inclusion in the Town’s F[iscal] Y[ear] 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).”

After the Warrant Article is voted on by Town Meeting, Mr. Bowman will let Mr. Kirrane know that the BAC is interested in having input into the “scope of services” determination.
3. Updates from BAC members
  - Transportation Board (Ashley Haire): In September, the Board discussed Warrant Articles 20 and 23 and reappointed Kristen Schreiber to the BAC for a 3-year term.
  - Police Report (Sgt. Brian Sutherland)- 3 vehicle-bicycle accidents reported; one was a “dooring,” another was a hit and run that required transport of the cyclist to a hospital
  - LivableStreets (Jacob Meunier): There will be a “street talk,” Broken buses and incomplete streets, Oct 25, 5:30 Roxbury Innovation Center, further information at <https://www.livablestreets.info/calendar>
  - Safe Routes to School (Kristin Schreiber): At meeting on 9.11.18, further discussion of what group should be, who will be involved; Reps from Pierce, Coolidge Corner School, Driscoll, Runkle present; solicitation of other school involvement around car free school day (which was Oct 10); email listserv created and most schools participated.
4. Discussion of 2019 meeting dates: proposals for Wednesdays will be developed, as this may be easier for some members and no objections were raised when this was suggested. Remaining 2018 meetings dates: Nov 7 (Wednesday), Dec 3
5. BAC appointments (status report): Two spots on BAC are open, and call went out for applicants: 7 have applied, 4 additional people expressed interest and were invited to submit formal applications by October 14. Given the large number of applicants, a subcommittee (Cynthia, John, Kristin) will review all applications and decide on candidates for interview at the November BAC meeting.

6. Annual bike counts report (Cynthia Snow): Totals were down somewhat this year, possibly because the count occurred later in the season to avoid conflict with Jewish holidays and generally poor weather during the count week. Construction is also underway on Babcock St. There may be other factors such as the increased prevalence of ride sharing. It was suggested that Brookline counts be compared to counts in Cambridge and/or Boston or be correlated with bike share data.
7. Review of Ivy St and St Mary's St proposed bike improvements: After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Bowman would forward the following suggestions to Mr. Kirrane:
  - Use a double yellow line on Ivy to separate the contra-flow bike lane from the moving motor traffic. This would be consistent with treatment elsewhere on Ivy Street, and we think that motorists will be more likely to understand and obey the double yellow than the wider buffer of the current design.
  - Extend the double yellow on Ivy as close to the intersections as possible so that motorists on the cross streets see it as soon as possible.
  - Enhance one-way signage to say "except bikes".
8. Green Routes Plan update (Cynthia Snow)
  - One goal of this revision is to include more streets in Brookline in recognition of the Complete Streets policy
  - A review of the Complete Streets wikimap on the Town web site showed many roads/parts of roads where improvements are suggested are already documented in the Green Routes Plan
  - A list of other streets that may deserve inclusion was distributed. Volunteers will look at these streets in the next two weeks and submit recommendations to Cynthia to be discussed at the next meeting
  - Mr. Bowman suggested prioritizing the recommendation for a parking-protected lane on Beacon westbound between St. Mary's and Carlton, to be continuous with Boston's parking-protected lane immediately east of this stretch