

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 7, 2018, Town Hall 408, 7 PM

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

Members absent: Mark Lowenstein

Others present: Elena Huisman, Frank Poelwijk, Leonard Wholey, Daniel Martelly, Jules Milner-Brage, Perry Grossman, Eric Nieminen

Applicants for BAC were interviewed:

1. Elena Huisman
2. Phillip Mayfield (phone/skype interview)
3. Frank Poelwijk
4. Leonard Wholey

Discussion and ranking of candidates by committee members only; recommendations will be forwarded to Todd Kirrane for Transportation Board consideration and appointment.

Minutes: October 2018 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

Green Routes Plan

Several street-specific recommendations were submitted by BAC members and members of public (John Bowman, Frank Poelwijk, Len Wholey, Daniel Martelly, Devon Kelley, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow) and incorporated into the Green Routes plan revision as tracked changes. BAC members will further review and give input to Cynthia Snow, who will revise suggestions based on input and a discussion around bringing school-related recommendations for safety out as separate projects, incorporating/combining with efforts around safe routes to school initiative.

Police Report: Sgt. Brian Sutherland reported that there was one bicycle-motor vehicle accident reported in October. A motorist backed into a cyclist, but there was no injury.

Other updates:

Len Wholey reported on ongoing discussions with Driscoll Principal regarding adoption/endorsement of safe routes to school by Driscoll.

Jules Milner-Brage reported that Warrant Article 23 for a feasibility study of the Beacon Street Bridle Path has been endorsed by the Advisory Committee and the Select Board and will be considered at the November Town Meeting. He also mentioned a Mass DOT grant program from Mass trails that might help fund a study of the bridle path (application due date February 1). This funding program can include engineering and design, rather than construction (as is the case for Complete Streets funding).