

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

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 1, 2019, Town Hall 408, 7 PM

**Members present:** John Bowman, Elena Huisman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Len Wholey, Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

**Members absent:** Ashley Haire (Transportation Board liaison)

**Others present:** Zoe Lynn, Daniel Martelly, Jules Milner-Brage, Irv Kurki, John Harris, Hugh Mattison, Anita Johnson, Jake Green, Lanssa McDonogh-Wong, Wendy Friedman, Jeremy Hutner, Mark Giglietti, Jon Frankel

**Items Not on Agenda:** The new Cambridge law on bicycle accommodations will be put on the agenda for the next meeting

**Minutes:** April 2019 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

**Updates:** Safe Routes to School: Today was the state Bike, Walk and Roll Day, and the chief of police helped form a “walking school bus” from Brookline Village T stop to Pierce School. Todd Kirrane suggested expanding this to other schools. Len Wholey led an event at Driscoll.

### **Bike Racks at Old Lincoln School and Bike Routes to Get There**

Next year, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will split their time between the High School and Old Lincoln School. Dr. Schreiber described the need for more bike racks at Old Lincoln and detailed the possible routes between the two schools (students will switch at mid-day between them). The route over the Davis Path footbridge has many steps, making it impractical for bikes. One possible solution is to have more racks at Emerson Park and for students to walk across the footbridge and Route 9 at the traffic signal. Dr. Schreiber will continue to explore possibilities informally and will prepare a formal proposal for the next meeting if that seems to be warranted.

### **Sustainability Office**

Zoe Lynn, the new Sustainability Program Administrator for Brookline introduced herself to the committee and described how she is meeting with stakeholders around Brookline as she is planning a Sustainability and Climate Summit to be held June 5 at 6:30 in the Coolidge Corner School Cafeteria. (The BAC voted unanimously to post the summit as the June BAC meeting and to participate in it.) Ms. Lynn emphasized how quickly the summit is being planned in order to begin the collaborative community-wide process of addressing climate change mitigation and sustainability for Brookline.

The goal of the summit is to come up with a list of projects to be given priority for the next six months and to develop diverse working teams that Ms. Lynn will help coordinate. The idea is that possible projects will be presented and voted on in an iterative process at the summit. Communication across Town departments, neighborhoods and interest groups will be very important to the success of the summit and the whole process. Another summit will be planned in six months to assess progress. During the discussion, some of the project ideas that were put forward that the bicycle community might propose included: The Beacon Street Bridleway, developing a process to allow for pilot projects to assess impact and gather community feedback on various projects.

**Beacon St. Bridle Path Event:** Ms. Huisman reported that there will be about ten community booths at the May 18<sup>th</sup> event, along with a food truck. The committee has worked with Transportation/DPW and the Police on the event. Volunteers are needed as are vehicles that can be parked for the duration of the event.

**Education Flyer:** Mr. Martelly circulated the first design for the flyer and asked for feedback. He is hopeful that both the Chamber of Commerce and the Coolidge Corner Merchants Association will endorse and help distribute the flyer.

**Open Items Report:** Mr. Bowman distributed the open items list and reported the following:

- There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, May 8 on the construction of the Gateway East project. 7 PM in the Select Board Hearing Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Town Hall.
- After sending a memo based on last month's discussion, Mr. Bowman met with Ms. Brewton and discussed possible traffic mitigation that might be included in the Waldo-Durgin development project.
- The Transportation Board approved 20 of 21 traffic mitigation measures for the Baldwin School area; some would require MassDOT approval.