

# Minutes of the Bedford Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

## Wednesday, April 6, 2022

### **BBAC Members present:**

Samantha Baron   David Enos   Craig Jackson  
Garth McCavana   Peter Weichman

### **BBAC Members absent:**

Mark Bailey

This is an online/virtual meeting, recorded through Zoom. A quorum was present and the meeting came to order at 7:35 pm, Secretary Peter Weichman presiding. Also present were approximately 20 public participants.

*Public Comments:* A number of the public attendees offered comments regarding the recent Town Meeting vote that failed to pass a measure that would have given the Town the authority to proceed with the land takings related to the Minuteman Bikeway extension. Somewhat oddly, a preceding vote to approve the required Community Preservation Committee \$1.5M budget did pass (requiring only a majority vote). However, the vote to give the Committee the authority to actually apply it for the stated purpose fell slightly short of the 2/3 majority required for a land-taking measure. As things currently stand, the almost entirely state-funded bikeway paving project, and associated tunnel under Route 62, cannot proceed.

Public comments ranged from strongly supportive of this and other efforts to expand bicycle infrastructure, to concerns over impact on the current relatively pristine natural environment. Some abutters also voiced concern over impacts on their property and/or businesses during the course of the work, complaining that Town representatives had failed to explain exactly the level of disruption.

**A motion was made to approve the January and February 2022 BAC minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

There was some discussion of the suggestion that emerged from the Tri-Town meeting to design and place some whimsically-themed signs encouraging riders to maintain suggested safe speed limits. As discussed a number of times, such signs do not carry any legal weight since there are not yet any applicable state or town laws. However, raising awareness in this way should help.

New BAC member Garth introduced himself as a long-time cyclist. He lived in Lexington for 25 years, but has resided in Bedford for the last few years.

The SRTS bike ride to Lane School will take place May 4. The Bike Rodeo will take place May 5.

BAC will formulate an appropriate letter to DPW thanking them for their huge efforts on the Minuteman extension project. The precise wording will be approved at the next meeting.

At 8:40 pm **a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and subsequently passed unanimously.**

*—Minutes submitted by Secretary/Clerk Peter Weichman*