

Minutes of the Bedford Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

BBAC Members present:

Samantha Baron Richard Baughman Aaron Bourret
Garth McCavana Peter Weichman

BBAC Members absent:

none

This is a remote meeting, recorded through Zoom. A quorum was present and the meeting came to order at 7:30 pm, Peter Weichman presiding. Also present as a member of the public was former BAC Chair Mark Bailey. With Craig Jackson also stepping down, BAC now has two vacancies.

Public Comment: No other members of the public were present.

Liaison Reports: No liaisons were present for the meeting. However, Paul Mortenson will be our Select-board liaison, and should attend the next meeting.

BAC Elections: Both Peter Weichman and Garth McCavana were nominated and seconded for the BAC Chair position. Garth declined, due to too many other commitments, but offered to serve as Secretary/Clerk. After a long discussion, and much encouragement, Peter finally accepted the nomination. **A vote was taken, and Peter was approved as Chair 4-1, and Garth was approved unanimously as Secretary.** Mark will pass the authority over the BAC Googlegroups contact lists to Peter.

There was a discussion of finding people to fill the two BAC vacancies. Sandi Currier had considered joining a earlier this year, and might be approached again. It was agreed to continue searching for appropriate people.

Review Minutes: **A motion was made, and seconded,** to approve the May 10 and June 14 minutes. **The motion passed unanimously** subject to a minor correction to the June minutes.

Bike-to-School: Bike-to-school day is Wednesday October 4. Kids typically meet at the Bank of America parking lot for an 8:00 am start. Aaron volunteered to be an adult chaperon. Samantha has been playing the role of Healthy Bedford contact, led by Carlo Olson, and volunteered to help get the word out. Peter volunteered to help chaperon if no one else is available.

Bikeway Safety Signs: Lexington has designed a series of bikeway safety signs (<https://www.lexingtonma.gov/1751/Bikeway-Safety-Signs>). It was agreed that BAC members should all peruse them, and at the next meeting we would agree on a few to recommend to DPW for purchase and installation. Transportation Manager Jeanette Rebecchi was recommended as a possible initial contact.

Tri-Town Meeting: The next Tri-Town Minuteman bikeway meeting will take place in October 25 via Zoom. All BAC members were encouraged to take part.

Bedford Day: Joel Parks and Terry Gleason continue to be in charge of the Bedford Day bicycle corral. Peter will volunteer to help manage it.

New Business: Aaron mentioned that the recent rainstorms have severely degraded the Narrow Gauge stone dust trail. DPW should be informed. Samantha reported that the trail joining the Lane School parking lot to the Narrow Gauge trail has been newly regraded, making it much safer for kids biking.

Adjournment: At 8:35 pm **a motion was made and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.** The next meeting is planned for October 4 at 7:30 pm.

—*Minutes submitted by Secretary/Clerk Peter Weichman*