

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Bedford Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**  
**Thursday 14 March 2019, 7:30 PM**  
**Bedford Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Scot Shaw, Dawn LaFrance-Linden, Cindy Barbehenn, Margot Fleischmann, Peter Bernhardt, Sandra Hackmann

**Guests:** Ralph Hammond

**Meeting called to order:** 7:35

February minutes reviewed; several edits were suggested, and the minutes were accepted as amended.

Scot reported on his conversation with Sarah Stanton, the town manager, about PARK(ing) Day opportunities. In addition to having an event in conjunction with Town Day, there is a planned food truck event on the common in June. Because there will already be police details deployed for these two events, there would be less difficulty getting buy-in from the town for PARK(ing) Day. Because there are no permits related to holding a PARK(ing) Day event, the Selectmen may not need to be involved.

Last month we passed a recommendation that the Selectmen request that MBTA bring the service on bus routes to Bedford up to their minimum standards of reliability and frequency. This motion has been communicated to the Selectmen.

Mass DOT is encouraging a focus on Safe Routes to School for all of the month of May. The future of Lane bike-to-school events was discussed; BAC is taking a lead in organizing volunteers for that event. Following the earlier discussion of PARK(ing) Day events, the related idea of working with Stop & Shop to have a pop-up bike corral in a parking space of their lot was raised. This could be discussed with BAC and the Chamber of Commerce and could fall under Healthy Bedford activities.

Cindy raised her concern about the placement of the movable pedestrian right-of-way pylons, as they have a tendency to move from their intended locations, especially in winter. The town has decided to put them between the cars and the bike lane, to help delineate the bike lanes and prevent cars from forming a second lane. They get moved a lot, and aren't put back where they are supposed to be. Scot will contact Sarah Stanton and David Manugian to see if there is someone in DPW that has ownership over these, and what can be done to ensure that they are properly placed.

Following the discussion on the pylons and PARK(ing) Day activities, Margot reminded the group that the charter of TAC is as an advisory committee for the selectmen, and not as an organizing or event planning group.

In Margot's update from the Selectmen, we learned that DASH is now out of funding and will be discontinued. There was information at the MAGIC meeting that the Carlisle COA is currently trying a pilot project with Lyft to provide on-demand transportation for seniors, working with Lyft because they have a mechanism to invoice the town directly; we can look for future updates on how that works out. There will be a pilot program for some form of local transit from the tri-town study, and when there is more information about that Bedford may elect to join. There was a motion passed that TAC recommend to the Selectmen that Bedford participate.

There are a number of funding items that will come up at Town Meeting related to transportation, all of which TAC is in favor of: 20-15, new sidewalk construction; 20-25, bus stop shelters; 20-36, hardscape improvements, funding for repair and replacement of sidewalks; 20-38, for complete streets roadway improvements. TAC voted unanimously to have a member speak in support of these at Town Meeting.

Ralph announced that students working at Bedford TV would like to meet with volunteer organizations from around town to make short spots to be shown between programs, and TAC has the option to participate.

Cindy indicated in the planning board update that the MBTA will be making changes to the location of some bus stops in town.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:00 pm