

**Westwood Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee
May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members	
<i>Appointed by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Ex Officio</i>
David Atkins, Chair Michael Kraft, Vice Chair Enkelejda Klosi, Secretary George Lester Virginia Lester Lucy Maroun Steve Olanoff David White	Nora Loughnane, Town Planner Sgt. Paul Sicard, Westwood Police Department Michael Jaillet, Town Administrator

Attendees:

Dave Atkins, Steve Olanoff, Michael Kraft, Kela Klosi, Virginia Lester, George Lester, Bob Rich, Lucy Maroun.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Discussion items:

1. April meeting minutes were approved.
2. Streets and roads currently in works.
 - Rotary, East Street Bridge between Meditech and Canton Street. Sidewalks and flashing lights.
 - Route 1 and Everet Street; Neponset Street and Nahatan Street
 - Blue Hill Drive, painting 6'-0" wide for bicycles.
3. Protected Bike Lanes
 - Gay Street: If the wide lane road is 11'-0", what happened with the sharrows there if the 3'-0" distance goes smaller?
 - What about the existing sharrows? It was suggested that the director of DPW, Todd Kochin, be asked regarding existing and new sharrows, and the heated ones. It was shared that it depends how it was installed. The heated sharrows do apply only on the new roads.
 - Oak Street, no sharrows yet painted.
4. Safety for new bikers, kids in denser areas of the town and throughout the town and new drivers, teenagers. Emotionally intelligent signage.
 - The committee should learn more about the concerns of the kids as new bikers, elementary and mid-school kids, when they bike around the blocks.
 - It was recommended that the parents, especially mothers, teach their kids to always be on the side of the road, as basic things each biker should do.
 - It was suggested that the committee asks Paul Sicard and Todd Kochin to consider placing emotionally intelligent signage throughout the town, especially in the denser areas of the town. Also it was suggested red and blue flashing lights.

- Concerns were discussed about the new drivers, high school students. Driving classes are now to be taken outside the school.
- It was recommended that articles about kids and bike safety and drive safety, be written and published in the town newspaper periodically.

5. Complete Street Policy

- Complete Street Policy was reviewed. Comments from all the members were given to emphasize the diversity of transportation in Westwood, from MBTA and Amtrak stands point of view, inbound (to Boston) and outbound (Rhode Island, New York, etc.)
- If developers come and build a portion of the town, they must shift the argument of Complete Street Policy to justice and committee should consider these factors and needs when town writes the policy.
- After the final revisions to Complete Street Policy, it was suggested that the draft to be sent to Todd Kochin for a final input.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.