

## Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee notes

Date:	4/29/10		
Meeting start:	7:37 p.m.		
<b>In attendance:</b>			
David Belcher	Suzanne Becker	Dave Atkins	Steve Harte
Nora Loughnane	Kela Klosi	Bill Conley	Michael Kraft
George Lester	Virginia Lester	Sgt. Paul Sicard	

### 1. FIRST Lego Update

Members of the Westwood Traveling Truckers, the group that participated in the FIRST Lego League, gave an update on their project, Which Way: Connecting Two Parts of Town. These fifth graders from Sheehan competed in the state championships at WPI in December. They decided on one of their solutions that they had investigated: a path through the conservation area extending from behind Starbucks to the Thatcher Street area. Their route took them to the driveway for 76 Thatcher Street. The group offered to lead a hike to bring awareness to their route and offered to clear the paths if the project is deemed feasible. The route does cross some private land. They will display their poster at the library and will publicize a hike of their land on a weekend in May.

### 2. MPO Clean Air and Mobility Grant Update

Dave Atkins shared a comprehensive grant application that he filed with the MPO for solar-powered flashers, curb bump-outs, paving and crosswalk painting at the intersections of Washington Street & Croft Regis Road and Washington Street & Dean Street. Approximately 15 communities applied for the grant money. The total of Westwood's proposal is \$61,000. If our proposal is funded it would need an endorsement from the Selectmen and a project design completed by the town. Nora Loughnane shared that the Engineering Department should be able to complete the design. At least one representative from our committee will give a five-minute presentation on our project to the MPO on May 13.

### **3. Miscellaneous Updates/News**

Martha Jones School will hold a Walk to School event on May 19.

Two members shared their impressions of the number of chevrons or “sharrows” painted on the roads in Milton. This brought up our interest in communicating with the new Town Engineer and DPW Director.

On May 13 at 9:15 Virginia Lester will present Albert’s Story in the high school auditorium. This talk will focus on alcohol awareness and bicycle safety. Dave Atkins shared that WestCAT may be able to record the talk.

Sergeant Paul Sicard shared that he requested two additional streetlights to be installed on Nahatan Street. One light will be near the crosswalk closest to the entrance to the middle school and one will be near the crosswalk at Bonney Street.

The Emotionally Intelligent signs will go up soon at the Hanlon School. The sign company worked with the representative from the middle school to choose designs that would be easy to read by motorists.

### **4. Future Business**

At our May meeting we will vote to officially adopt positions for our committee. We will define the roles for the officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Members should email Dave Atkins before our next meeting to express interest in a position.

We will elect members to the positions at our May meeting.

We clarified that we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Carby Street building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Harte