

MEETING MINUTES

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Date:	7/25/2013
Meeting start:	7: 40 p.m.

In attendance:

Michael Kraft	John Craine	Virginia Lester	George Lester
Steve Olanoff	Nora Loughnane		

Routine Business

Minutes from June 2013 were approved unanimously.

Discussion Action Items from Prior Meeting

Pedestrian Access from University Station under Rte. 128 and over Neponset River - as part of Canton Routes 93/95 interchange project. Steve O suggested the Ped Bike Committee might be able to advocate for this. Michael Kraft wants to pick a few key items that we should focus committee efforts on.

Who we should be engaging with to move this forward? Friends of Blue Hills, Neponset Valley Watershed are in favor of this.

Let's create some talking points and get them in front of key people to keep it on their agendas.

MassDOT will be issuing a notice of public hearing in the early fall to comment on 25% design plans for Blue Hill Drive ramp. This would be a good time to raise this issue, start awareness campaign.

Borrowing Bike Racks for Westwood Day - Michael Kraft contacted Mike Chinitz at Pan Mass Challenge to inquire about borrowing bike racks for WW Day. He will contact him again after the Pan Mass Challenge which occurs the first week of August. Also mentioned that he could contact Landry's on our behalf as a fallback.

Virginia Lester to contact new WW Police Chief Jeff Silva - VL went to his welcoming reception to invite him in person said he could possibly make it in September.

Westwood Day - no updates

MAPC plan update - town approval on hold pending receipt of plan that incorporates revisions requested by the town.

New Business

Discussion around engaging more with DPW to identify projects where ped / bike safety can be enhanced.

Discussion around recruiting more committee members

Discussion around meeting attendance and courtesies.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Secretary to begin requesting RSVPs for meeting attendance.
2. There will be a ped / bike committee meeting in August.
3. Participants should come to August meeting with one idea for committee to focus on over the coming year
4. For Sept or October meeting have board members to each invite one new person to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Next meeting will be the 25th of July at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Craine, Secretary