

MEETING MINUTES

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

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| Date: | 11/21/2013 |
| Meeting start: | 7:41 p.m. |

Committee Members

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| Michael Kraft Chairman | John Craine Secretary | Wendy Muellers Vice Chairman | |
| Chris Giovino | Kela Klosi | George Lester | Virginia Lester |
| Steve Olanoff | Nora Loughnane | Paul Sicard | Todd Korchin |
| David Atkins | David White | Lucy Maroun | |

In attendance:

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| Michael Kraft Chairman | John Craine Secretary | Wendy Muellers Vice Chairman | |
| | Kela Klosi | | |
| Steve Olanoff | Nora Loughnane | | Todd Korchin |
| David Atkins | David White | Lucy Maroun | |

New Committee Members

Welcome to new members David Atkins, David White and Lucy Maroun.

Routine Business

Minutes from October 2013 were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Church Street - Residents and neighbors of Church Street were invited to present their traffic concerns to the Committee. Church Street is a cut-through for drivers avoiding tie-ups on Nahaton St. and for avoiding left turns onto Rt. 109. Speed is primary safety concern as the street is narrow and many young children live and play there. Various causes and possible solutions were discussed. Todd K. to contact Paul Sicard to determine status of recent traffic studies and will update both the neighbors and John C.

Grove Street - A resident of Grove Street presented concerns re traffic volume and speeds as AM / PM commuters seek to avoid Summer / Rt 109 intersection. Discussion of possible calming measures. It is on the repaving schedule for 2014.

Ongoing Business

- Ped Bike Planning Board Budget - Nora L. will be adding a line item to Planning Board budget for the Ped Bike Committee; unclear if it will survive the budget process.
- MAPC Pedestrian and Bike Plan - Nora L. contacted Eric Bourassa at MAPC about finalizing Town's requested updates to the plan. He agreed to do it. Two weeks have passed w/o any further word.
- East Street Bridge - Todd K. indicates that signs are hopeful that this project may get onto the MBTA's design schedule for this year.
- Route 109 overpass construction and bike lanes - general discussion of conditions and slow progress; Todd K. is getting weekly updates from the Project Manager.
- Oak Street pedestrian crossings at Martha Jones Rd - Todd K. to reach out to Paul Sicard to discuss a possible traffic speed study.
- Downey School Safe Routes to School improvements - Todd K. has been corresponding with the PMs to ensure that work on this project is coordinated with the Canton / Everett / Forbes improvements. Contract expected to go out to bid spring 2014 with construction to start summer 2014.
- LED street lights - Todd K. reports that the Town has joined up with a purchasing consortium at MAPC to control costs; plan is to pilot test the lights in one area of town in

advance of town wide rollout; pilot neighborhood still TBD.

- Bicycle signage - general appreciation for the new sharrows and signage on Gay Street. Todd K. was able to paint the bicycle emblems at ¼ the cost of thermoplastic though they will likely begin to fade by the spring. He is reviewing next year's paving schedule to continue placing sharrows according to the MAPC plan which includes the rest of Gay Street. Discussion of considerations for placement of sharrows at intersections.
- Westwood Day 2014 - not discussed

New Business

Motion - The Ped Bike Safety Committee will join as active member in the of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force Traffic Subcommittee with subcommittee meetings to occur concurrently with Ped Bike Safety Committee meetings.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- December committee meeting moved to 12/19

Action Needed for Next Meeting

- Todd Korchin to contact Paul Sicard regarding the status of traffic studies of Church Street; will update residents and John Craine.
- Oak Street - Todd Korchin to reach out to Paul Sicard to discuss a possible traffic speed study.
- Nora L. to continue to reach out to MAPC, will send updated and notated MAPC plan to John C. for dissemination to committee members
- John C. to add Comprehensive Plan Traffic Sub-Committee (CPTSC) item to agenda for next meeting.
- John C. to notify CPTSC volunteers about meeting times, dates, and joining Ped Bike listserv.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Craine, Secretary