

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date: 7/28/2011

Meeting start: 7:45 pm

In attendance:

Michael Kraft Kela Klosi Steve Olanoff

George Lester Virginia Lester Wendy Muellers

Routine Business:

Minutes from the June meeting were approved

Updates from Previous Meeting:

1. Bike rack order update – Steve Olanoff shared the process of developing an order of additional bike racks through the MAPC's bike parking program. Wendy Muellers has spoken with school principals, Steve Olanoff spoke with the Recreation Department Director and both Steve and Wendy met with Ken Aries, Operations Director for the Westwood Schools. Both Steve and Wendy visited all of the school fields/grounds and took pictures of potential locations for new racks. Steve also spoke with Vicky Quiram about installation of racks that were ordered last fall. It looks like the bike rack order will be around 18 additional racks. Steve and Wendy are still seeking input from principals and Ken Aries before finalizing the order.
2. Wendy Muellers reported that during her discussion with the Downey School principal, the topic of training students on bicycle safety was mentioned by the principal. Virginia Lester mentioned that Mass Bike may provide such training. Wendy also asked if anyone knew whether Safe Routes to School could offer training for students.

3. Steve Olanoff mentioned that he had a conversation with Vicky Quiram about the Washington Street Crossing project. Steve mentioned that Vicky was looking into hiring a consultant to design the project because Westwood does not have a Town Engineer at this time.

New Business:

Election of New Officers:

Michael Kraft suggested that the committee elect new officers.

John Craine has volunteered to be Chairman.

Michael Kraft volunteered to be Vice Chairman.

Steve Harte was reported to volunteer to be Secretary.

Members present voted to elect all three members to the above positions.

Action Needed for Next Meeting:

1. Steve Olanoff will invite Virginia LeClair from Dedham to attend our September meeting.
2. Wendy Muellers will look into contacting members of the Needham Bikes group to speak with our committee.
3. Wendy Muellers will continue to work on measuring lighting levels at crosswalks throughout Westwood.
4. Wendy Muellers will continue to investigate the cost of signage to remind drivers to share the road with bikers.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Muellers