Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee

November 21 7:30pm

Meeting Notes

50 Carby Street Westwood, MA

Champagne Room

Board Members in attendance

- Michael Kraft (Chair)
- Steve Olanoff (vice-Chair)
- Heather Ford (Secretary)
- Kate Wynne

Board Members Not in attendance:

- George Lester
- Brian Gorman
- Enkelejda (Kela) Klosi

Call to order by Michael Kraft at 7:40pm

The low attendance of the meeting was noted. Michael stated he would reach out to residents who signed up for the mailing list at Westwood Day in September 2019.

Planning Board Updates:

-<u>Comprehensive Plan Update</u>: Town Centers and Transportation Elements – Review drafts

- The Transportation Elements section of the Comprehensive Plan was presented to Westwood's Planning Board earlier in the month. Steve reported that some of the items might be combined, such as requests for a shuttle bus and a mention of a cross-town shuttle bus. Steve emphasized that the items in the plan were not in order of priority.
- Heather requested clarification that Westwood's "Complete Streets" plan was not dependent on receipt of the Complete Streets grant.
- Steve reported that there was no disagreement on the articles and Michael asked when it would be finalized. Michael suggested that items be prioritized, but Kate noted that the Planning Board had requested the list not be prioritized.
- Kate spoke to the **Town Centers** section of the Comprehensive Plan.
 Steve noted overlap between some of the goals of the Transportation section and the Town Centers section. Kate emphasized that the Comprehensive Plan does not need to mention how something will be achieved, just that it needs to be a goal.

- The concept of University Station as a third town center was discussed.
- Steve noted that the shoulders of 109 and 1A can be used by bicycles, although the Town Centers document says otherwise. He also wants more specifics of what's going well in town centers such as the new Public Library and the use of the Colburn School. He added that the two town centers could be connected via the shuttle bus/rideshare suggested in the Transportation section.
- Public Works Department Updates—None. It was suggested that Abby McCabe ask Todd Korchin to attend the January meeting to discuss any relevant updates.
- Police Department Updates—None
- Review Westwood Community Trails Program & Monthly Reports—No changes reported.
- Any new issues from residents—None present.
- Review of Draft Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2019—Minutes were accepted with a motion from Kate, seconded by Heather. Steve noted that all Adopt-A-Trails are located on conservation land.
- Schedule Next Meeting Date Thursday, January 23. It was suggested that Christopher Coleman, town administrator as of November 25, might attend a meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by Michael, seconded by Kate.