## Town of Westwood Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee Thursday, July 29, 2021 Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Michael Kraft, Vice-chair Enkelejda (Kela) Klosi, Secretary Heather T. Ford, Alex Yale, Steven Olanoff.

Chair Kraft called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and announced that the meeting would be recorded via Zoom.

New business from residents in attendance

None

Police Department Updates:

• None

Planning Board Updates:

- Chair Kraft reported that Robert Gotti had no updates regarding the Fall Town meeting and the Gay St sidewalk.
- For the August 17 Planning Board Meeting, owner request to expand parking lot in rear of property at 100 High Street to construct a total of 37 parking spaces
- The Planning Board is beginning to work on zoning changes for Annual Town Meeting in spring 2022. One major zoning amendment they'll be working on this year is to comply with new state legislation that encourages more housing opportunities across the region. MBTA Communities such as Westwood are required to allow multi-family housing (buildings designed for 3 or more residences) within a ½ mile from a train station. The zoning must allow for multi-family by-right, which means without requiring a special permit, zoning amendment, or any kind of discretionary approval. Currently, Westwood allows multi-family by special permit, which is not an as of right use. Westwood will need to adopt more housing supportive zoning.
  - It was discussed that Route 128 Station has sidewalks, but Islington Station does not.
  - Chair Kraft brought up that ADA compliance would be an issue of any change to the stations.

Public Works Updates:

• Olanoff noted the new light up no truck sign on Canton St. He also discussed the July 24 Dedham i-95 accident, which ended with an SUV going into a detention basin.

• Yale commented on a radar sign that briefly appeared on Everett St. Chair Kraft noted that they move these signs.

Review draft meeting minutes from 6/24/21

• Minutes not sent

## Adjourn by 8:30-8:45 pm

• Adjourned 8:45pm, next meeting August 26 to discuss Westwood Day Booth.