

Town of Westwood

Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 30, 2023
Carby Street
Champagne Meeting Room

Committee Members in attendance: Michael Kraft (Chair), Steve Olanoff (Vice Chair), Maria Costantini, Tom McShane, Kate Wynne, Michael Tinsley, Dave Atkins
Officer Baker (Westwood Police Department)

Chair Kraft called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Dave Atkins was selected to record the meeting notes.

Topics

Police Updates

Prior to the meeting, Officer Conley provided data on traffic counts for Canton Street which appear not to have changed significantly since the recent opening of Top Golf. An accident reconstruction study is being performed by the state police in relation to the traffic fatality at a crosswalk on University Ave. This work is ongoing with no update yet.

Public Works - no updates

Planning Board

The ongoing discussion of development at 22 Everett St continues. The idea of a pedestrian path at the back of the property to connect with the walkway to East Street is no longer being considered.

Canton Street (state project to add sidewalk/path/crosswalks)

The Select Board has formed an ad-hoc committee to discuss design changes for the Canton Street project. Residents were invited to submit applications to be on the committee, but the process was closed after a week. There was discussion among committee members about whether anyone from the committee would be involved. Further discussion is expected at the next Select Board meeting.

Community Trails

The next hike will be Saturday, 12/2/23, in Lowell Woods, starting from the Sandy Valley Road parking area at 10am.

New Business

Steve Olanoff reported that a group of representatives from nearby towns are meeting to discuss the possibility of a multi-town shuttle bus service; he will update this group as he learns more information.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the prior meeting minutes was postponed to the next meeting of this committee.

Upon a motion by Maria Costantini and unanimous consent, the next meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2024, at 7:30pm in person at 50 Carby St.

Dave Atkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Kate Wynne, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.