

Town of Westwood

Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 27, 2023
Carby Street
Champagne Meeting Room

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Michael Kraft (Chair)
- Steven Olanoff (Vice Chair)
- Tom McShane
- Michael Tinsley
- Enkelejda Klosi
- David Atkins
- Maria Costantini
- Kate Wynne

Ex-officio: Elijah Romulus, Town Planner
Joe Previterra, Select Board Member

Residents in attendance: None

Police officers in attendance: None

Selected to record minutes: Kate Wynne

Meeting Start: 7:50 pm.

- No updates from police, DPW

Topics Discussed

Canton Street Sidewalk

This is a follow-up to a recent presentation by local residents affected by the project, who wish to preserve as many trees as possible. Discussion around whether this body should support the version with a multiuse sidewalk on one side of the road and a sidewalk on the other or support another version.

Steve Olanoff Moved: Recommend that trees be marked, and limits of work be marked so that people can see the site.

Enkelejda Klosi second.

Motion passed unanimously.

22 Everett St

Elijah Romulus gave an overview of the project and Kate Wynne shared her insights into the process thus far as a Planning Board Member.

Mike Tinsley Moved: as below

Steve Olanoff second.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Elijah would present the following to the Planning Board:

Motion by Ped/Bike Advisory Committee to provide the following concerns to the Planning Board regarding 22 Everett St:

- Traffic
 - Rush hour traffic on Everett Street between Washington and Rt 1 is already very congested. Traffic from Burger King trying to turn left onto Rt 1 already backs up traffic. What steps can the developer take to avoid further congestion from the development?
 - Suggest Do Not Block intersection markings in the roadway
 - Add do not block intersection signs
 - consider traffic officer
- Scale and Streetscape
 - Consider having the retail spaces moved forward to front on the street instead of the parking lot as that is considered more pedestrian friendly and creates more of a "center of town" feel such as was done on Washington Street. This will create a more appealing streetscape and add to traffic calming measures.
 - Configuring the buildings into smaller components to allow for more pedestrian traffic, emergency access - ability for firetrucks and other vehicles to egress after entry, delivery access and circular traffic flow. As presently planned, there is no way for delivery or emergency vehicles to safely exit the property without having to back out.
 - Sidewalk needs to be wider; as presently configured, particularly with the utility poles, it is impossible for someone in a wheelchair or pushing a stroller to pass safely.
 - Create a Path to train station, which will be safer for pedestrians and avoid the need or desire to drive

the few blocks from the property, thereby also relieving congestion on Everett Street.

Xaverian Brothers Proposed Parking Lot

Xaverian Brothers School will be bringing forth a limited EIDR to the Planning Board for a proposed parking lot. There was general discussion around the need for and impacts of the project. This will be covered by the Dover Amendment which allows for only limited restrictions.

Dedham Active Transportation Working Group

Steven Olanoff will invite them to attend our next meeting in September.

Westwood Day

The Committee agreed to participate in Westwood Day by allocating \$50 from an appropriate budget for reserving a booth, spending additional funds if necessary to rent a canopy, and appointed Steve Olanoff to lead this effort.

Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 PM