

Bike/Walk Andover
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Members present: Eric Anderson, Ed Sarisley, **Louise Goodwin** (new member, welcome!), Cathy Palazzi, Mike Palazzi, Carrie Crompton, Bill Liswell
3. Additions or changes to the agenda: Carrie requested that we add discussion of Merritt Valley parking lot and Hartford Foundation for Giving (New Business items e. and f., respectively)
4. Public speak – none
5. Old business:
 - a. Connectivity Grant Progress.
Public meeting on July 15th – BWA should attend. The grant requires at least one public meeting prior to submitting a plan to DOT. Planning and Zoning will run the meeting and collect feedback on the grant and plan; our town engineer, Gerry Hardisty, will present the plan.
 - b. Bike Racks Update.
Pouring concrete slabs at 10:30 a.m. on June 8th at Andover Historical Museum and the Town Hall. Ed suggested adding a bike rack to the Commuter lot next to the Post Office; as Bike Walk Bolton also wants a rack, Eric will reach out to them before contacting DOT.
 - c. Bike Walk Andover Facebook Update.
Marianella was not present, but she has been updating the Facebook page for Bike/Walk Andover.
 - d. Conservation Commission Trails Guideline Update.
A committee consisting of Carrie (representing Conserv. Comm.), Todd (BWA), Julie Haverl (Seniors), and Marissa Jay (CT. Forest & Park Assoc.). are meeting on July 19th to work on guidelines.
 - e. Walktober Fest – October 12th. Discussion tabled.
6. New Business
 - a. BWA Monthly Walks
 - a. The May 11th walk led by Eric Anderson had 7 people total.
 - b. The next walk will be June 15th at 9:30 a.m., led by Louise Goodwin and Bill Liswell. The route will be from the Percy Cook trail to the Hop River trail, up Lake Road, across the dam, returning to the Town Hall via School Street. Bill will write up a press release for the Rivereast, and post info on the Bike Walk Andover Facebook page.

- b. Improving the Path Behind Chamberlain Pond.
Permits have been obtained. Project approved by Selectmen. Gas company needs to be contacted prior to beginning work. Materials to be used are Geotextile fabric, crushed stone, and Honeycomb cells.
 - c. Efforts by Bolton and Coventry For a Walking Trail On Old Route 6 Accessway (Nathan Hale Greenway).
Bolton and Coventry still pushing for a multiuse trail. Eric proposed a Blue Trail sized trail from Long Hill Road to Wheeling Road that connects to the Nathan Hale Forest trails.
 - d. Maps of Chamberlain Pond/Percy Cook Trails
Carrie noted that requests have been made for maps. TBD.
 - e. Merritt Valley Parking Lot.
Carrie noted that a request was made for (2) horse trailer spots, in addition to auto parking.
 - f. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.
They contacted Dianne Grenier to inform her that grant money is available for small and large projects in Andover. TBD.
7. The minutes from May were approved.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Liswell