

Minutes

Stoneham Tri-Community Bike/Greenway Committee
March 13, 2017 at 7:00 P M
Second Floor Conference Room, Stoneham Town Hall

Present: Cameron Bain, Dorothy Bergold, Linda Hanson, Cindy Hemenway, Joan Lemire, Devon Manchester, Catherine Moore, Bill Murphy, Julie Shulman, Dolly Wilson
Guests: Butch Conary

7:05 PM	<i>Call to order</i>
	<i>Review Meeting Minutes</i> – Passed with 2 abstentions: Devon and Dorothy
	<i>Open Space and Recreation Plan Update</i> – Bill Murphy The survey was previously limited to one person per household, then it was changed from being controlled by IP address to extend participation. The survey needs more results to match demographics of Stoneham. Needed are 18-20, 21-29, 60+ and lower income survey responses. Discussion about taking posters about survey to apartment buildings, YMCA, town election and other suggestions for the Open Space Committee to reach groups such as Asian Cultural Center. There will be a public hearing regarding the Open Space plan March 28 at 7pm at Town Hall.
	<i>Project Status</i> Dolly Wilson attended the pre-construction meeting at MassDOT. Contract awarded to Northern Construction in Weymouth. Briefly, Mass DOT resident engineer said construction might start the 1 st or 2 nd week in April. Construction will start in Winchester and move towards Stoneham. Construction here is unlikely before fall 2017 or possibly the spring of 2018. There should be biweekly meetings, which the town can send an official to. Cameron Bain reported that Sen. Lewis's office said that they will hold a groundbreaking ceremony in Winchester. Dolly suggested that we could have a smaller ceremony in Stoneham later.
	<i>11 Manison St</i> Joan Lemire and Dolly attended a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting where 11 Manison owners asked for approval of a variance for rebuilding a retaining wall adjacent (with almost no setback) to the railroad right-of-way (ROW). The wall would be faux granite blocks, and would be in line with other retaining walls on neighboring properties. (Current wall line is 3-5 feet from the ROW property line). Dolly spoke to ask that the wall be engineered properly, as attractive as reasonably possible and that there be no dumping of snow or water run off onto ROW. They were reminded that they will need permission from the town administrator to access the ROW to do any work. Their intent was to begin quickly and finish before the bikepath work begins. 11 Manison property owners agreed to the above conditions and others set by the ZBA, and the board granted the appeal. Cindy Hemenway stated that 11 Manison should pay the town for permission to build from the ROW. Members expressed concerned that the wall of the lot next door looks dangerous and could collapse when 11 Manison does work.
	<i>Outreach Plans</i> Members debated getting a table at the Health and Wellness Expo and decided to do so if possible. Dolly will call the Chamber of Commerce to ask about availability of a table. Members will try to get pamphlets on bike safety, and importance of wearing helmets.
	<i>New / Old business</i> - Cindy expressed concern that the construction schedule was not yet available.
	<i>Next Meeting Date</i> -April 24
8:29 pm	<i>Adjourn.</i>