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Bike/Walk Committee Minutes | Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom

Roll Call:

Recreation Director Andrew Rogers, Lucia Foley, Larry Dubois, Ruth Camus, Caroline Martin, Marilyn Gass

Guests:

Renee Sweeney--MPIC

Meeting started at 6:33pm

A motion to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Discussion

Renee Sweeney attended on behalf of the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) to provide an update on the status of the 2020 Master Plan Update, and answer any questions. The Plan been approved by the Planning Board and is on the agenda for approval by Town Meeting on Wednesday. We discussed last meeting's review of the matrix outlining Goals/Actions and tasks for BWC; Renee will plan to check in a few times a year to see how we are progressing and what we might need.

Lucia noted that she recently learned that a resident involved with the South Hadley Age and Dementia Friendly initiative had reached out to the DPW director about developing a commemorative bench program similar to one in Danvers. Bike/Walk is the primary entity for Goals **G2-1** and **G3-2** to map outdoor seating and create a bench program, so it would be helpful if MPIC could assist in bringing together entities mentioned in the Master Plan for an initial discussion along with others who may be interested in a bench program.

Master Plan Goals and Tasks—Google Maps/Trailheads

Larry has been working to identify trailheads on Google Maps, as per Goal **G1-1** and other related actions. Andy noted that Google mapping does present some challenges, as anyone other than an individual with the 'official' town Gmail ID on record with Google is unable to revise incorrect information, such as phone numbers.

Get Ready to Ride!

The spring bike event will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 1-3pm at Buttery Brook Park. The planning committee (Ruth, Natasha, Marilyn, and Larry) and Andy reported that bathrooms will be open and the spray park is operational. Except for a small birthday party in the log cabin, the park is largely available for the event. Construction on the new pickleball courts will start soon so that the courts will be finished over the summer, but paving is still a week or two away. Andy will confirm if that area will be available for the Bike Rodeo, which would leave the basketball court open for other uses (Larry's map shows the rodeo on the basketball court). Barrels marking the area will be set up on Saturday night, weather looks OK for Sunday. Andy will bring cones and chalk for the Bike Rodeo and leave in the garage for Larry. Lucia, who will be out of town the day of the event, will design a banner with vendor logos to be displayed on the fence at Plains School (with a second one at the park, if funds are available), and the artwork will also be available for use online. Graphics can also be used on a flyer.

There are no trash cans at the park, but if we fill one large black bag of trash, staff can have it picked up. Ruth will bring a green recycle container in case there are water bottles. The Town no longer does trash or recycle at the park, and there is now a carry-in, carry-out policy. There are about 10 signs about the policy in the park, but no portable signs that can be moved to the event area specifically. Larry will bring a portable PA, and announcements can be made if needed, but there will be no Emcee. Ruth contacted the South Hadley Asst. School Superintendent, who has OK'd distributing our flyer in schools. Andy will forward email addresses for principals to Ruth. He will also email Spencer from South Hadley Police to see if they need a tent, as Andy has a couple.

Caroline can come and assist with the Bike Rodeo. Ruth will be there at 11:30am, and Caroline will come at the same time. Marilyn reported that AAA and Competitive Edge plan to arrive around 12pm, and she will be there at the same time. Andy asked for the marquee sign in front of the park's south entrance to be changed. Ruth reported that the 20 bike lights will be distributed to those who could use them. by the Police Bike Patrol. Ruth has sent copies of Larry's map to Batch Ice Cream, Safe Routes to School, and MassBike. Andy has forwarded to ValleyBike and the Police. Marilyn will send copies to Leo at Competitive Edge and AAA. Andy reported that Danielle will post another Facebook message.

WalkMass Challenge at Senior Center

Ruth reported that the kickoff event today went well, with about 25 people in attendance and a dozen 'Social Strollers' went out for a neighborhood walk. Everyone is encouraged to sign up as it will produce revenue for the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

BWC Officers

Andy has been talking to Lisa about BWC organization. The Selectboard will consider new members in June, so he suggests scheduling an election of officers in July. A questionnaire will go out to all present members to confirm who wishes to continue so they can be re-appointed by the Selectboard.

MHC Mural at Buttery Brook Park

An unveiling event for a mural created by MHC students will be held wed June 1 at 4pm. The mural, which was created in four sections and celebrates local wildlife and plants, will be mounted on panels in front of the restroom building.

There will be no meeting in June. Next meeting will be at **6:30pm on July 12' 2022** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia Foley, Member