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COMMUNITY PATH IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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MEETING MINUTES

05.03.2018

Present: Russell Leino, Chair; Vince Stanton, Heather Ivester, and Mike Cicalese

Absent: Brian Burke

Staff: Spencer Gober, Office of Community Development

8:15 am Meeting called to order

Mr. Leino provided updates to the Committee regarding his meeting with Sen. Brownsberger at the State House in Boston.

Sen. Brownsberger arranged a meeting with MassDOT, and MBTA in April, which highlighted the CPIAC's need to be flexible as it moves forward and identified the steps ahead, including key takeaways:

1. MBTA expressed concern that the preferred route crosses the railroad tracks too many times;
2. The Feasibility Study was high-level and now details need to be developed;
3. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance will be a hurdle as mini-high platforms are not allowed by Federal regulations anymore, and a loss of grandfathering would put the stations at risk for closure. This has implications for proposed design of path;
4. MassDOT might be willing to consider the Alexander Underpass independently of the Path, and there may be other funding opportunities out there;

Jackie DeWolf of MassDOT offered to arrange a follow-up meeting between CPIAC and MassDOT the week of June 4-11 in Belmont.

Members of the Committee discussed the feasibility of a bridge at the Housing Authority and the potential need to route the path along the north side of the tracks for the entire length of Pleasant Street.

The goal of submitting an application for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds in the fall ahead of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting was identified.

The Committee asked Planning Staff to look into the following:

1. Does CPIAC need to be renamed and given a new charge?
2. Is Selectman Paolillo still the Board of Selectmen's liaison to the CPIAC?
3. Is there money left in the Feasibility Study budget to pay consultants to attend the June meeting with MassDOT?

9:20 am Adjourn