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Town of Belmont

Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 12 July 2018
(Committee disbanded prior to finalizing these minutes)

Location: Belmont Town Hall

Attending: CPIAC members Russ Leino, Chair; Mike Cicalese; Brian Burke; Vince Stanton;
and, Spencer Gober, Community Development

- 1) 08:15 AM Meeting called to order
- 2) R. Leino provided an update to the Committee on the following:
 - a. Summary of the June meeting with MassDOT; and,
 - b. Recap of Sen. Brownsberger's proposal to the Board of Selectmen at its June meeting.
- 3) Town Administrator, P. Garvin, provided a staff update regarding:
 - a. The two-phased approach:
 - i. Phase 1a and 1b – Alexander Avenue Underpass and Brighton Street to Clark Street Bridge; and,
 - ii. Phase 2 – Connection through Waverley Square.
 - b. The Town's submission of Project Initiation and Project Need Forms (PIF and PNF respectively) to MassDOT to be reviewed and voted on at the MassDOT Project Review Committee's meeting on July 19.
- 4) S. Gober was asked to circulate both the PIF and PNF to the Committee and to post them online as well.
- 5) R. Leino reiterated Sen. Brownsberger's and MassDOT's sentiment that in order for the Path to be considered a transportation amenity, it needed to connect from Brighton Street to the Clark Street Bridge. He also commented that they felt that Phase 1a could be eligible for funding sources beyond just the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) due to the safety aspect.
- 6) The Committee expressed interest in keeping the momentum going, and a desire to procure design services for Phases 1a and 1b in 2019. R. Leino reiterated that each phase was a component of the recommended route.

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- 7) M. Cicalese commented on the need to ensure that residents understood the rationale behind the phased approach. R. Leino stated that MassDOT's perspective was that there were hurdles to overcome along the Phase 2 section, but that Phase 1 should move forward now. V. Stanton remarked that this also allowed the Town to create synergy with the new High School.
- 8) The Committee discussed the draft letter to the Board of Selectmen to request an off-cycle application for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for \$400,000 for Phase 1a.
- 9) R. Leino moved that the Committee vote to endorse the letter to the Board of Selectmen and the process that P. Garvin has outlined. M. Cicalese seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 10) The Committee discussed timeline and process for advancing both CPA applications.
- 11) 09:15 AM Meeting adjourned.