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Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes, 13 September 2018
(Committee disbanded prior to finalizing these minutes)

Location: Belmont Town Hall

Attending: CPIAC members R. Leino, Chair; M. Cicalese; B. Burke; V. Stanton;
Spencer Gober, Community Development

1) 07:35 PM Meeting called to order

Chairman Leino suggested that the Committee begin the meeting by reviewing the minutes for: April 6, 2017; July 12, 2017; July 19, 2017; August 10, 2017; October 18, 2017; October 26, 2017; and August 24, 2018.

Following a review and discussion of each set of minutes, the Committee voted to approve all with edits.

2) 08:15 Chairman Leino provided updates to the Committee and discussions ensued regarding:

- a) The Community Preservation Committee's vote to approve the off-cycle application for Community Preservation Act funding for the design of Phase 1a (the Alexander Underpass) of the Community Path.

The Committee discussed preparation for the Special Town Meeting in November.

- b) The DPW/Belmont Police Department Building Committee meeting and the discussion that occurred at that meeting regarding the provision of either temporary parking, which would provide for the future accommodation of the Path, or permanent parking that would prevent the Path being routed behind the police station.
- c) Phase 1b (Brighton Street to Clark Street Bridge via Belmont Center) of the Community Path and the upcoming meeting with the MBTA, Senator Brownsberger, Selectman Dash, Town Administrator Garvin, and Glenn Clancy from the Office of Community Development, to discuss the north and south options proposed between the Alexander Underpass and Brighton Street.

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Mr. Gober provided a draft of the Preliminary CPA Funding Application for Phase 1b to the members and requested comments by Wednesday, September 19.

The Committee discussed a timeline, which involved additional public engagement, to work towards identifying a preference over a north or south option before Town Meeting.

Tentative timeline identified:

- September 18 – Meeting with MBTA
- September 20 – CPIAC Debrief Meeting
- September 27 – CPIAC Meeting to Vote on Recommended Route
- October 8 – Public Meeting
- October 15 – Make Recommendation to Board of Selectmen

3) 09:45 Discussion about the charge for the new Community Path Project Committee and the open application period

4) 09:50 Discussion about potential for alternative funding sources.

5) 09:55 Meeting adjourned.