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Community Path Implementation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 10 June 2015

Location: Belmont Town Hall

1) Meeting called to order at @ 1800

Attending: CPIAC members R. Leino, Chair; V. Stanton; B. Burke; Secretary, M. Cicalese

2) **Meeting minutes** from 2 June reviewed, minor editorial changes to be made, then voted upon at next meeting.

3) Discussed **meeting format** change, allocating 15-20 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to address possible concerns, Q &A, for any audience attendees. Motion unanimously accepted.

4) @ 1820 entertained **General Updates**, whereas Mr. Stanton presented his findings of the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway project, having attended a recent briefing given by DCR. That particular path of 0.7 miles, complete design fee (ready to permit and build) was estimated at \$187K.

5) Reviewed course for Saturday's **path walk** from Waverly east to Belmont Center, meeting at Waverly Station, 1500. As walks and other more detailed reviews of specific path choices move forward, CPIAC to contact perceived interested parties (abutters, committees, commissions...) for input.

6) At @ 1840, a review of **path choices and challenges** commenced, reviewing the north side of the commuter rail tracks at Channing Road from Stone Bridge in Belmont Town Center, heading east to Brighton Street. Mr. Stanton introduced a sunken path of approx. 1'-6" to 2' feet, with an accompanying berm on each side of an additional four (4) feet or more, designed by an engineer, and landscaped to optimize privacy and eliminate noise. Also noted was drainage concerns for houses east of the Alexander Avenue area. Continuing east, easements and concerns of adequate space were raised adjacent to the French/Mahoney garage. In this general area, with @250 yards of land paralleling the railroad tracks to Brighton Street, the potential to drop the path with a gradual slope to a tunnel under Brighton Street linking the existing Cambridge path was discussed.

3) The **June meetings** were also reviewed and scheduled:

a) Saturday, 13 June, path walk from Waverly east to Belmont Center, 1500

b) Wednesday, 24 June, 1800 Town Hall

c) Saturday, 27 June, path walk from Belmont Center east to Brighton Street, 0800

4) Meeting adjourned, @ 1945