

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes DRAFT

2022-02-24

I. Call to Order: 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

In Attendance:

Tanya Bashaw
Dustin Corrigan
Christian DaBica
Marianne Eaton
Kevin Masse
Gerry Slager
Ian Albinson
Sally Roth
Mary Yates
Jim Quaglino
Robert Anderson
Brigitta Lawrence

One Drive Folder (command click to open the link): [BPAC Share](#)

The current folders are as follows:

- Ad-Hoc Committee Work (the files that Jessica has provided from their work)
- Agendas
- Meeting Minutes
- References (Catch all)
- Studies (for anything official that's been done on traffic, safety, etc.)

II. Village Speed Limit

Picking up from the Ad Hoc committee's suggestion to decrease the village speed limit to 25mph.

Do we want to have the Selectboard members/Chief Nason decide to lower the speed limit in town and then seek the State approval for Rt. 116. Or do them simultaneously? Cris and Gerry will introduce the idea and this committee to Police Chief Nason and seek his input. Our committee will work in tandem with the Police Department to bring it forward to the Selectboard members.

Factors to consider: How many signs are we swapping out, costs, etc?

III. BPAC Liaison List—Additions and next steps

Cris asked the committee to check out this document in One Drive and fill in with more organizations and/or professional contacts where we can seek information and use these contacts as sounding boards.

IV. AARP Walk Audit

View this reference tool located in the One Drive References folder as a nice starting point to assess both Bike and Walking route concerns and solutions.

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/aarp-walk-audit-tool-kit/>

Cris wants to have Advisory Committee volunteers to commit to this Audit. The more objective starting point we have, the better when presenting our recommendations to the Selectboard.

Gerry recommended looking at streets that do not have sidewalks such as:

- Devino Lane
- North Street to Devino
- Pine Street/Liberty Street

“The Big Loop” is the widest Bristol walking loop and large sections do not have sidewalks. These sections need to be identified with a more concrete plan of action for safer routes.

Ian mentioned: Need to create a Scoping Project to determine where the needs are around town. Could solicit volunteers from the high school and/or the committee to walk the routes similar to what Vergennes did to survey their sidewalks.

- Vergennes study link: https://www.walkbikeaddison.org/vergenes_sidewalk_inventory

V. Pine Street Traffic Calming

\$ is budgeted for Fiscal Year that starts July 1, 2022. Suggest working with the professionals from the Ad Hoc group regarding putting an actual plan in place. (see Road Safety Draft Proposal 2021).

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!ArQKjbTu47D5geBlvcvwEhiStkzb7A>

Work in collaboration with Eric Cota (Bristol Public Works).

Need a clear, precise plan to the Select Board will get faster official approval. Need signage, paint concepts for bike lanes, size, etc.

Gerry will spearhead this.

Dustin suggests: Add a Stop sign where Munsill Ave. joins Pine as well as Pine and Liberty with a 3-way stop.

Involve Chief Nason.

Speak to the homeowners on Pine Street as a way to get more backing to this suggestion. Use this as another opportunity to talk about the street striping and stop signs.

Will not limit ourselves to just this area but start small and think big.

VI. VT Walk-Bike Summit (May 6, Middlebury)

See References folder for more information. Will formulate a plan to attend.

VII. Grant Writing

AARP grant deadline is soon approaching. \$11,000-\$15,000 available but needs to get submitted by March 22. Does have a yearly application period.

<https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/community-challenge/2022/Attachment-A-2022%20AARP%20Community%20Challenge%20Application.pdf>

Gerry and Marianne will work toward this. Valerie Capels (Town Administrator) and Porter Knight may be valuable resource. Cris has grant writing experience as well.

Seek input soon for the kind of ideas we should apply for such as:

- Education
- school crossing guards
- Manually activated flashing crossing lights

VIII. Other Business

Electric crossings already planned for:

- the Hub/Firehouse
- North and Pleasant
- North and Spring

Electric crossing costs upwards of \$5,000-\$6,000 approx. Solar panel signs, although cheaper, are not as popular with Select board as electric.

Need to write a Mission Statement. “Bristol is not just a nice place to walk and bike but is a **great** place to walk and bike”. Cris will start the process. Seeks input from Advisory Committee.

Painting creative crosswalks? See what other communities are doing to get creative (more noticeable) crosswalks. Work with Mt. Abe students?

Funds are budgeted as part of the Public Works budget. Some funds might come from the Police budget. Grant money will be needed to complete projects but the Selectboard could also approve funds for the following year’s budget.

IX. Review/approval of the January 27, 2022, meeting minutes.

Minutes were approved.

X. Public Forum

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Next regular Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting:
Thursday, March 24, 2022